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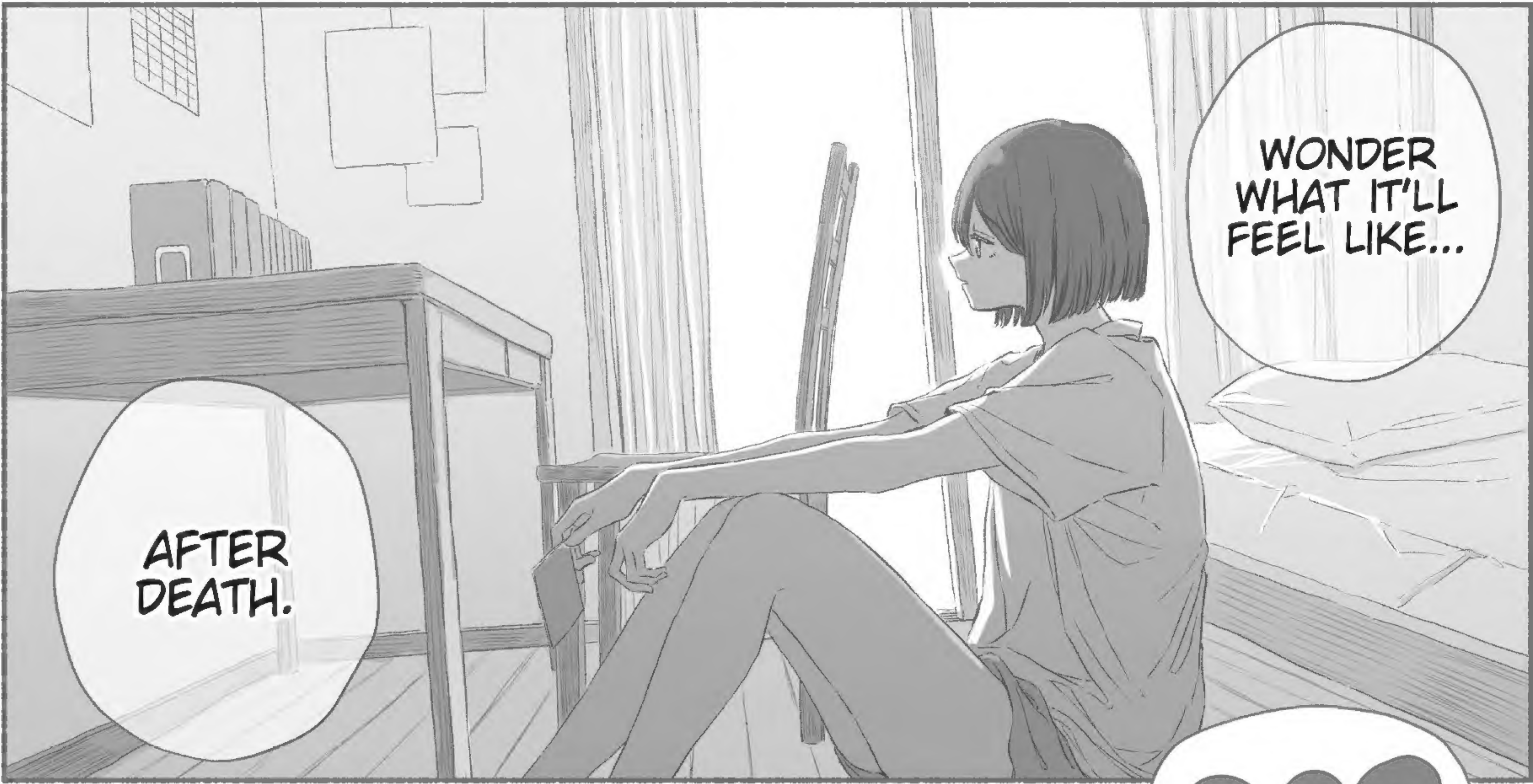
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CHAPTER 1



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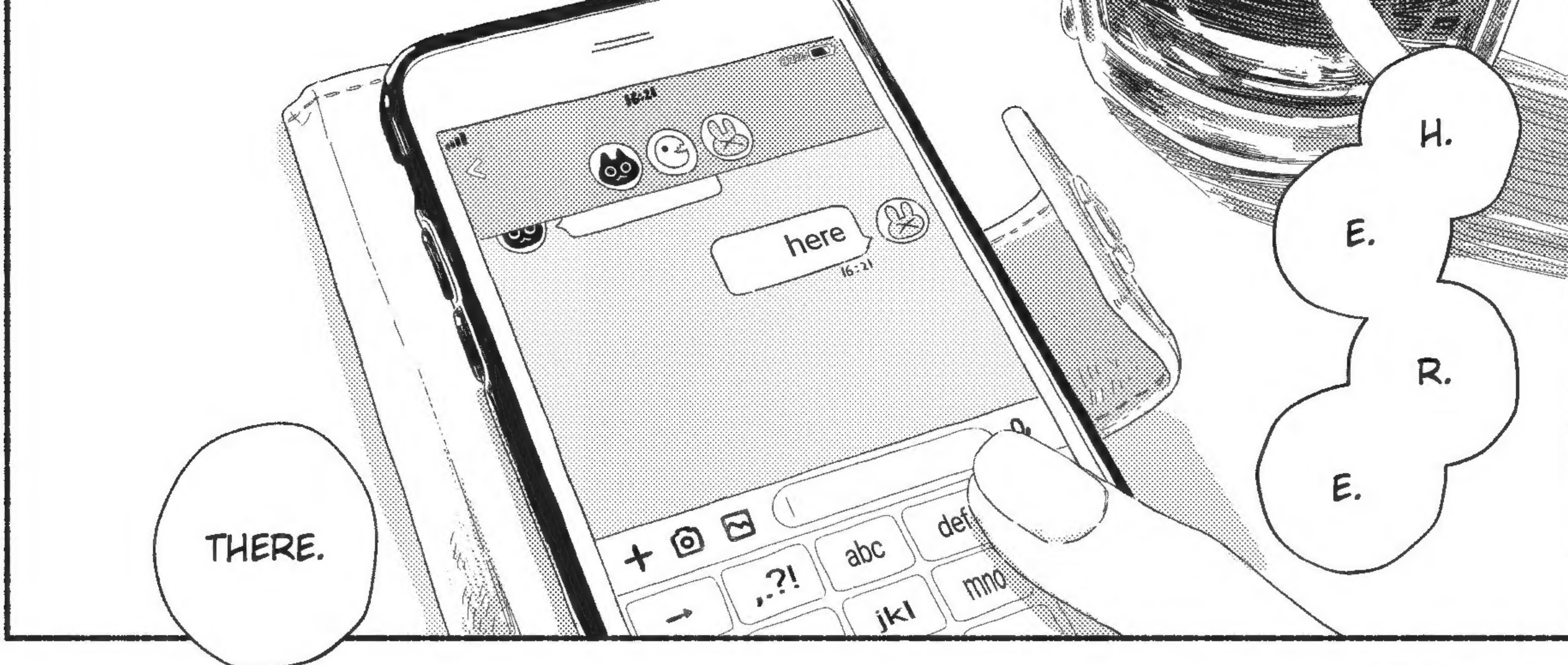
tomoya

Hi there.

Any interest in going
on a ghost hunt?

A
GHOST?

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EVERYTHING
OKAY?



EEP!

HI--ARE
YOU AOI-
SAN?



I'VE
GOTTA
GET
OUT OF
HERE!

THUMP



OH,
UH...

Y-YEAH,
SORRY...



THANKS
FOR
COMING
TODAY...

WHOA,
NO WAY.



WELL,
IT'S NICE
TO MEET
YOU. I'M
TOMOYA.



AND HERE
I THOUGHT
I WAS GONNA
GET CATFISHED
FOR SURE.

YOU
BOTH
ACTUALLY
SHOWED
UP.

AH, THEN
YOU MUST
BE... RYO-
KUN?



SO?



THIS,
UH...

WHAT
ARE WE
CALLING
IT?

REMIND
ME HOW
WE MEET
THIS THING,
AGAIN?





RIGHT.

SUPPOSEDLY,
SHE'S A
WOMAN
AROUND
THE AGE OF
TWENTY...

WITH LONG
HAIR...

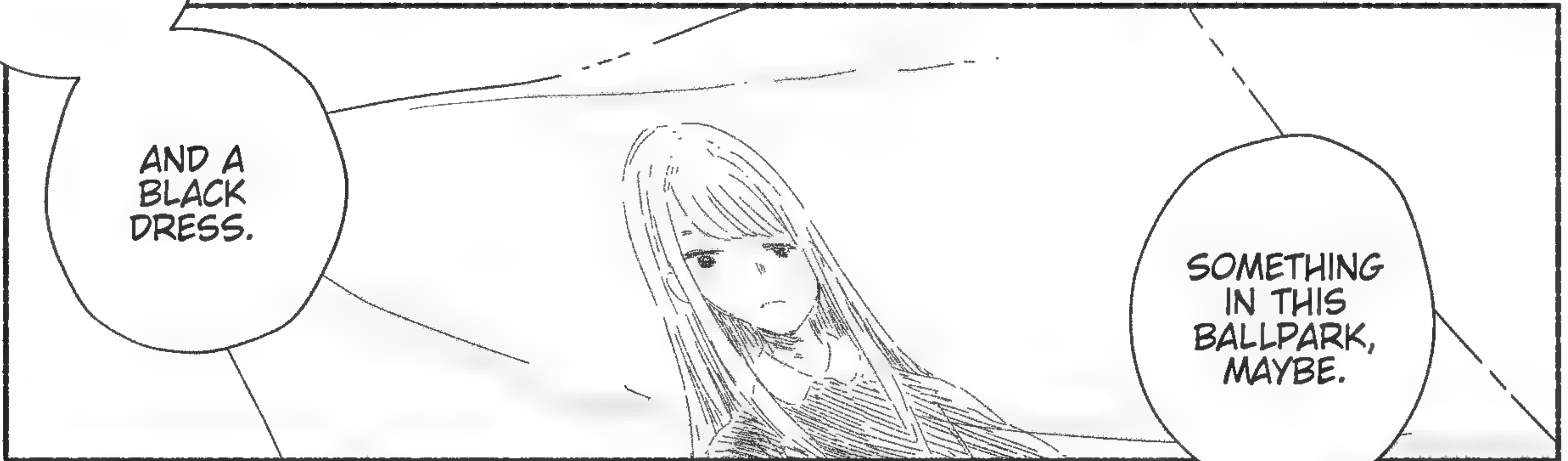
AND A
BLACK
DRESS.



THAT'S
WHAT
EVERYONE
WHO'S
SEEN IT
SAID THEY
WERE
DOING.

WAIT,
REALLY?

AND IT ONLY
SHOWS UP
IF YOU LIGHT
FIREWORKS,
RIGHT?



SOMETHING
IN THIS
BALLPARK,
MAYBE.



AND,
WELL...

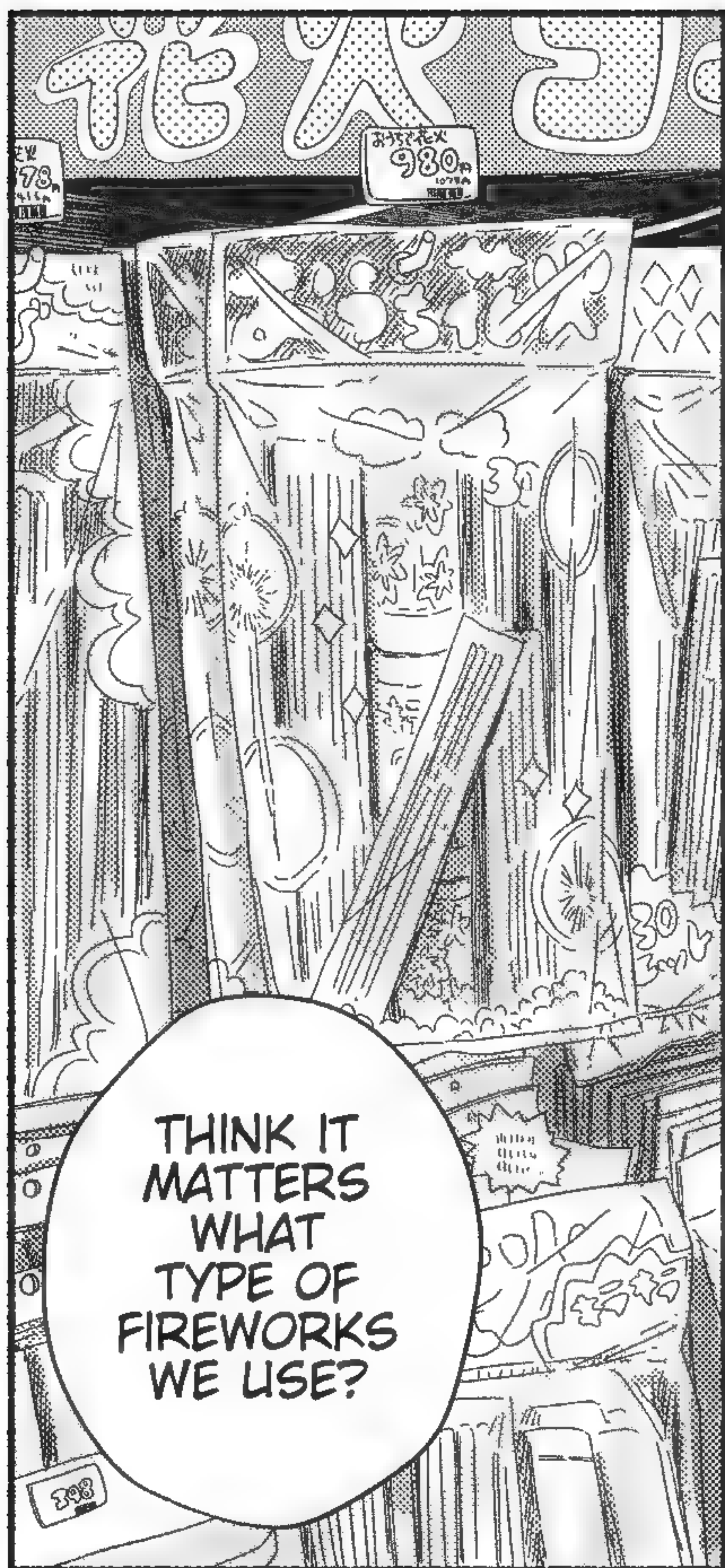
IF THE
RUMORS
ARE TO BE
BELIEVED...

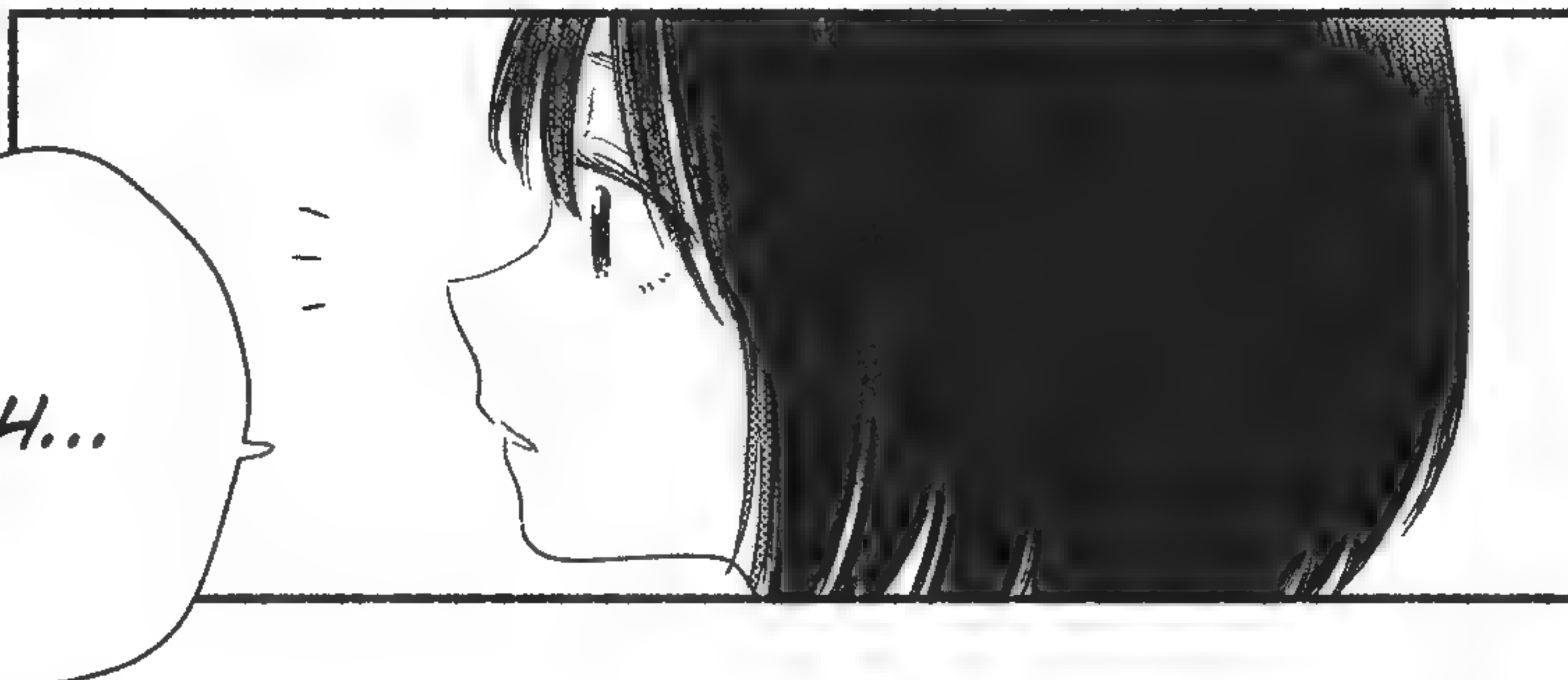
THE FIRST
REPORTED
SIGHTING OF
HER COMES
FROM ABOUT
TWO YEARS
AGO.

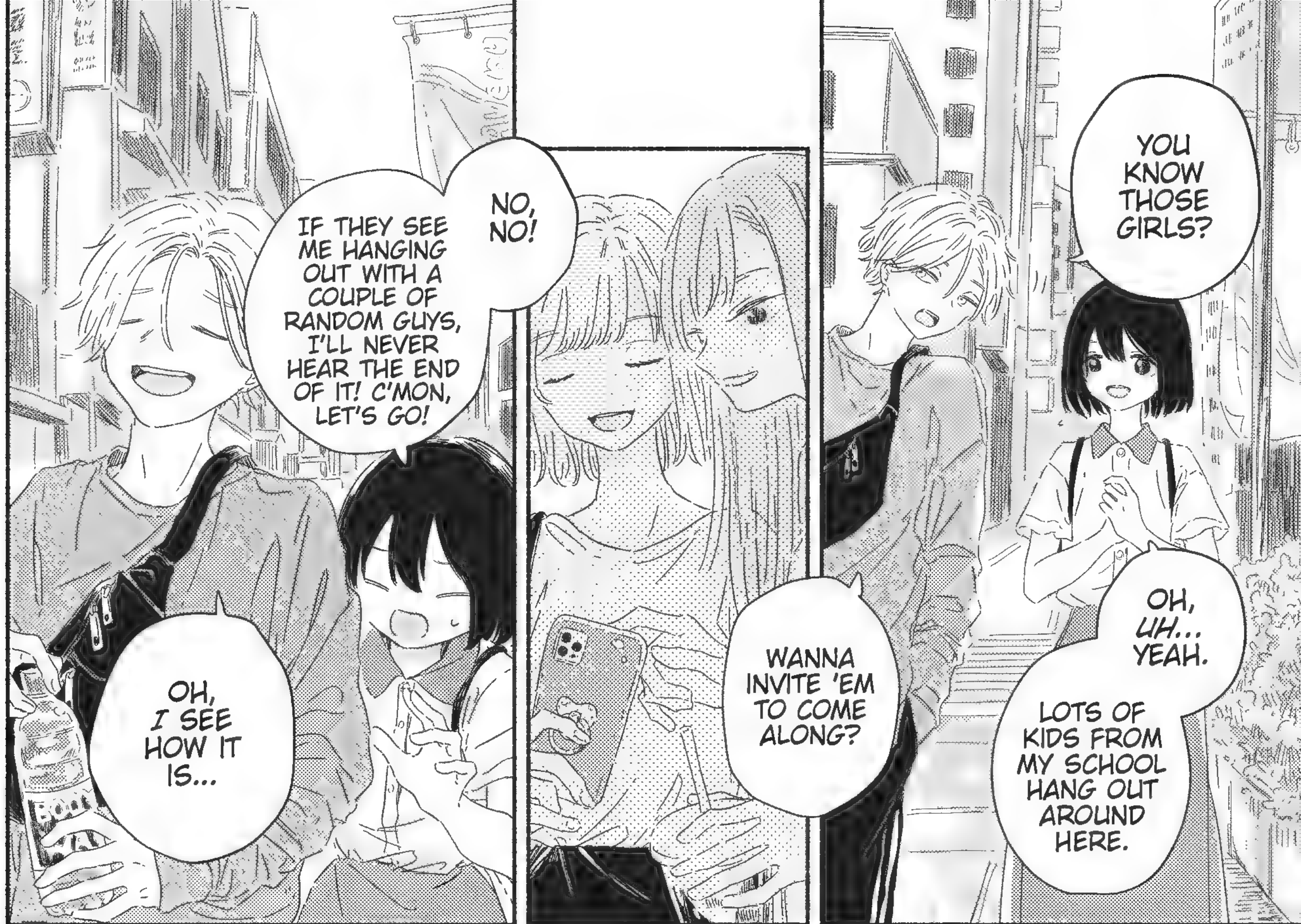


WHOA
...

THIS IS
REALLY
GOOD.









OH,
RIGHT...
YEAH,
NO.

I DON'T DRAW
MUCH ANYMORE.
BETTER I
SPEND MY TIME
STUDYING SO I
CAN GET A GOOD
JOB SOMEDAY.



I MEAN,
THAT
DRAWING
YOU DID
BACK THERE
WAS PRETTY
IMPRESSIVE.



HERE'S
WHAT I GOT
ON MY LAST
PRACTICE
EXAM.

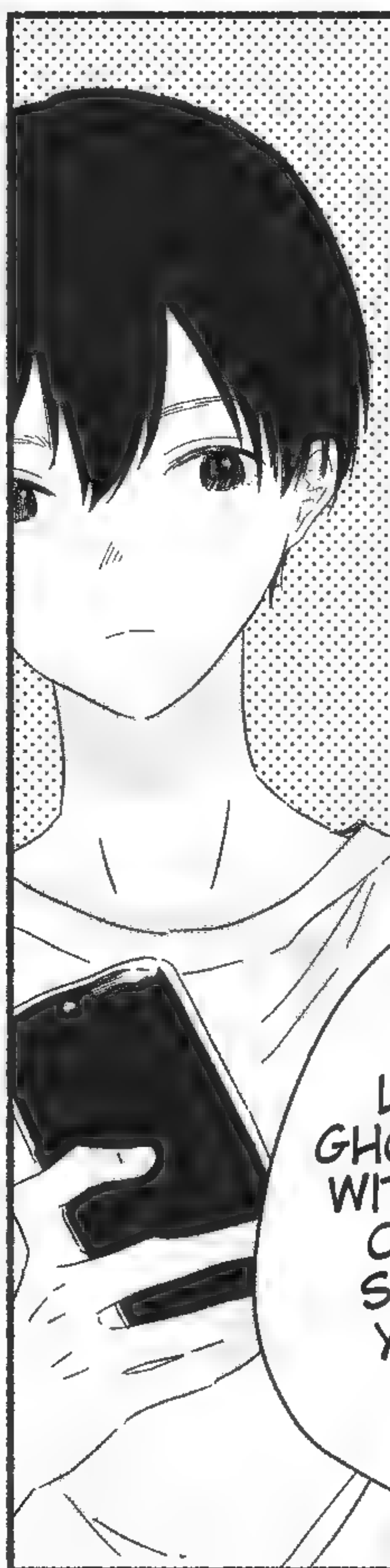
DUDE,
WHAT?!
YOU'RE
IN THE
A-BRACKET
FOR EVERY
MAJOR
UNI!

WOW...



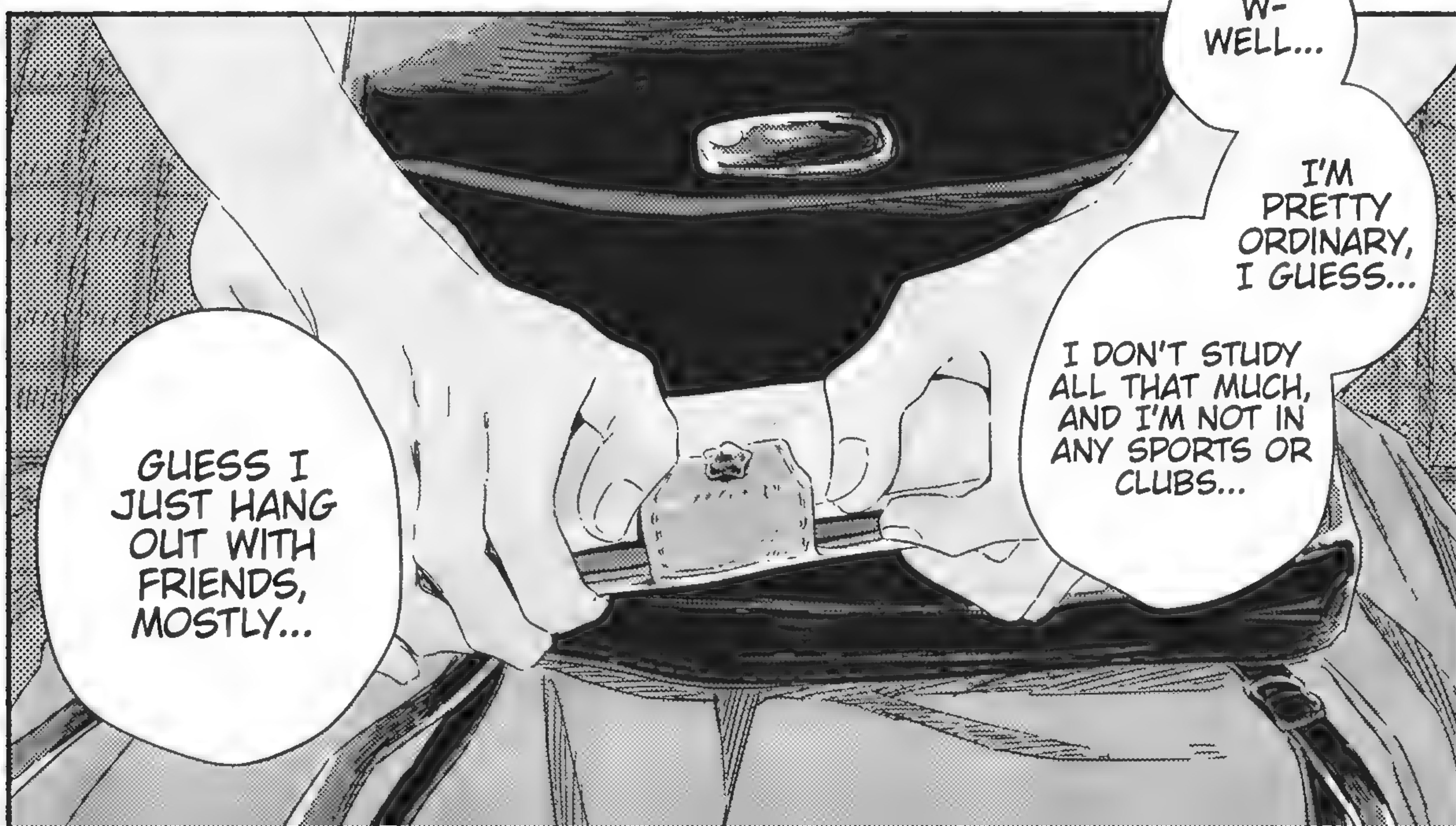
IS THAT,
LIKE...
PRETTY
UNUSUAL,
THEN?

I HAVEN'T
TAKEN ANY
PRACTICE
EXAMS YET.

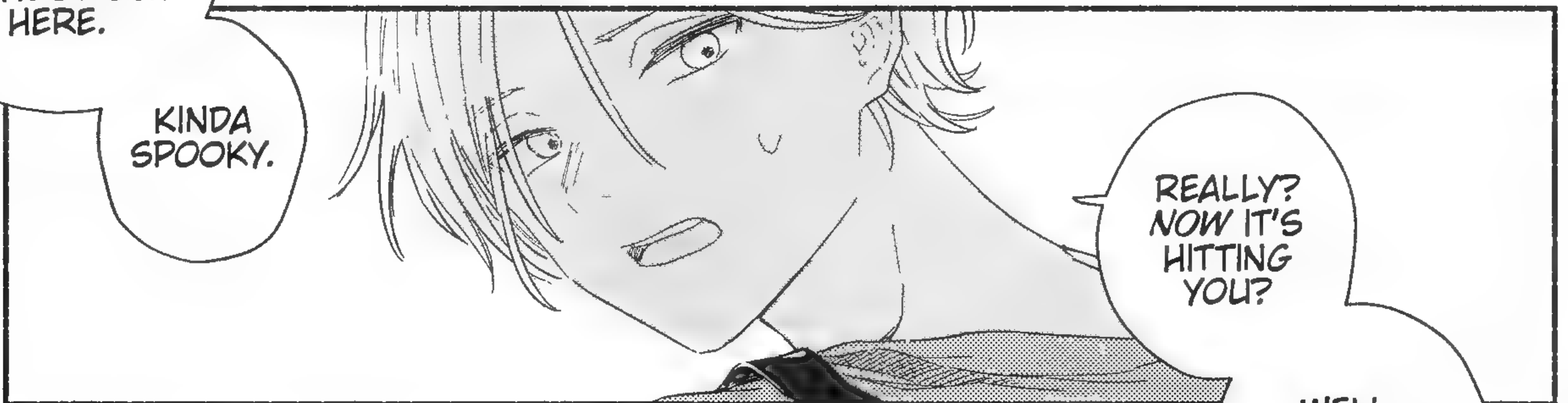


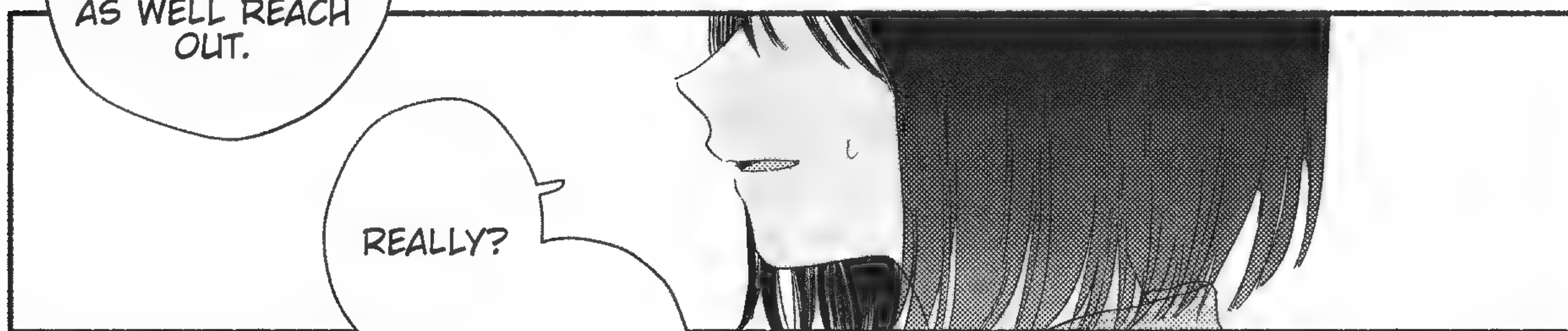
LIKE GOING
GHOST-HUNTING
WITH A COUPLE
OF RANDOM
STRANGERS,
YOU MEAN?













WELL,
WHAT
ABOUT
YOU, AOI-
CHAN?

HUH?!
M-ME?!



MMM...



HERE WE
ARE.

WELL...



Y-YEAH!
EXACTLY!

I MEAN,
WHO NEEDS
A REASON
OTHER THAN
PLAIN OL'
CURIOSITY?

EVERYONE
LOVES A
GOOD GHOST
STORY,
RIGHT?



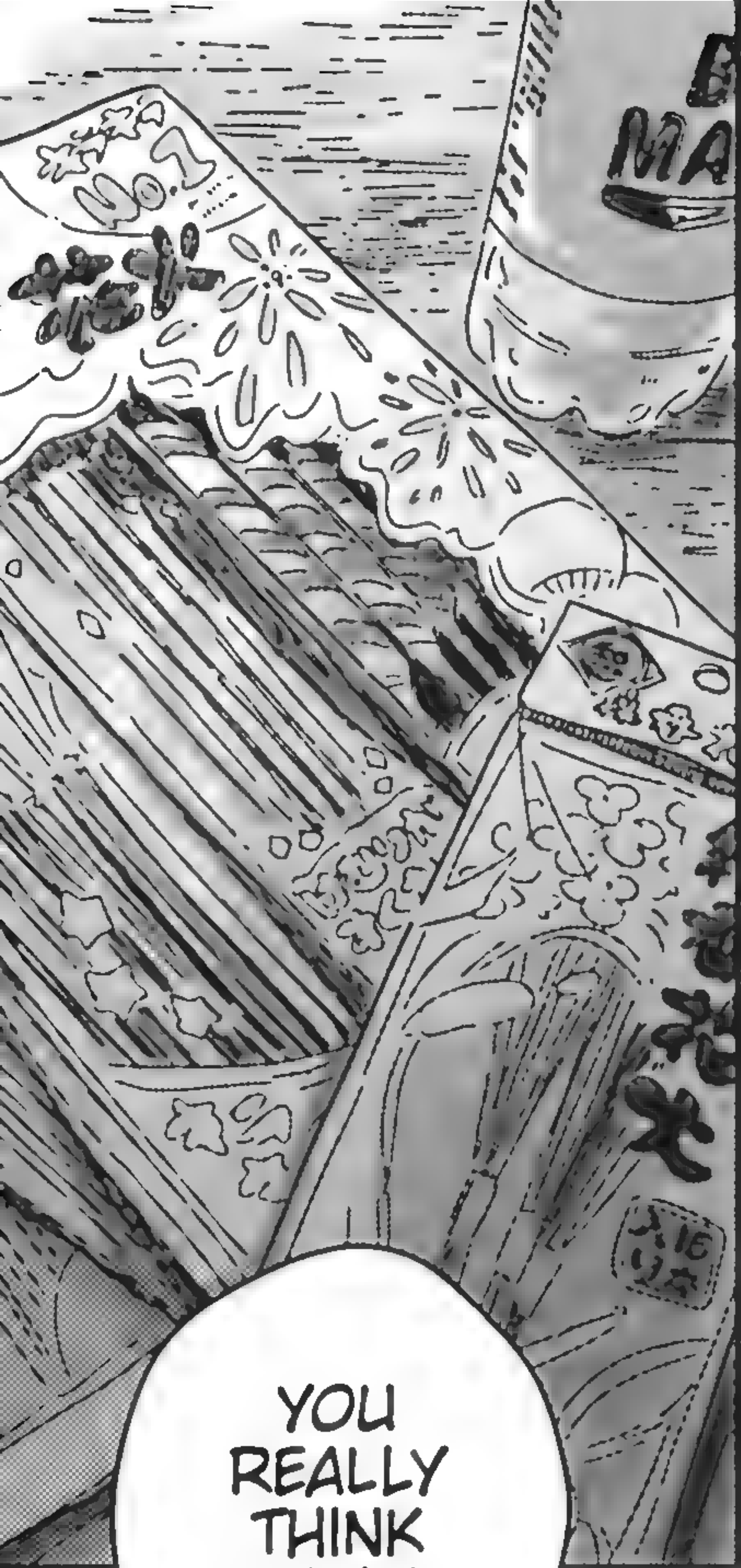
WOW...

THIS
PLACE IS
KIND OF A
MESS...

WELL,
LET'S HURRY
AND GET THIS
DONE BEFORE
ANYONE ELSE
SHOWS UP,
THEN.

YEAH,
I GUESS
IT WAS A
PRETTY
POPULAR
HANGOUT
SPOT FOR A
WHILE.

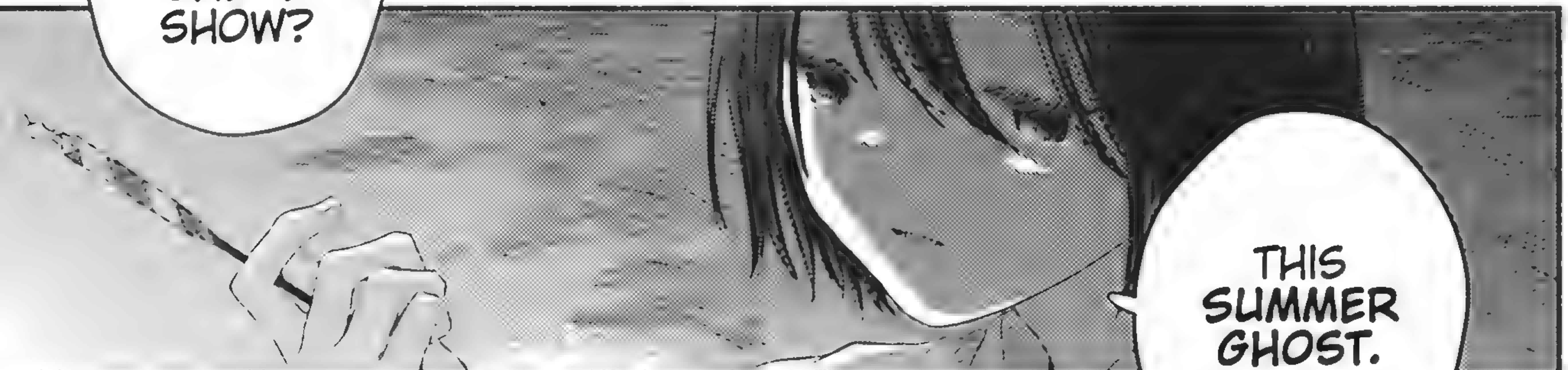
MUST BE
SOME FOLKS
WHO STILL
COME OUT
HERE FROM
TIME TO TIME.



YOU
REALLY
THINK
SHE'LL
SHOW?



RIGHT.



THIS
SUMMER
GHOST.



WHO
KNOWS.



BUT THEY
DO SAY THAT
FIREWORKS
HELP TO
CALM THE
SPIRITS OF
THE DEAD.

SO EVEN IF
SHE DOESN'T,
MAYBE THIS
CAN SERVE
AS A SORT
OF MEMORIAL
SERVICE
FOR HER.

Szz...



WOW...

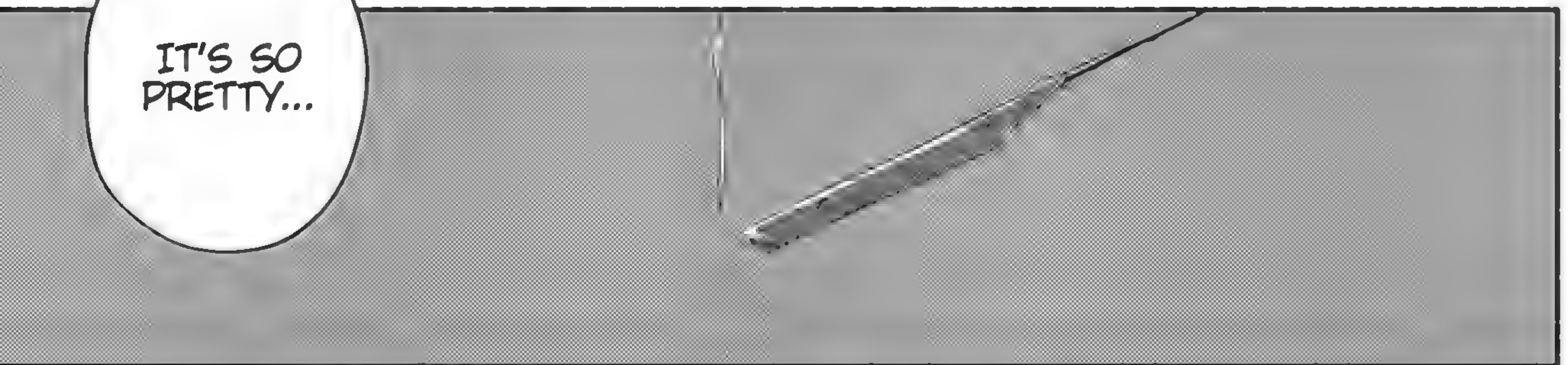
IT'S SO
PRETTY...



MY FIRST
SPARKLER
OF THE
YEAR.

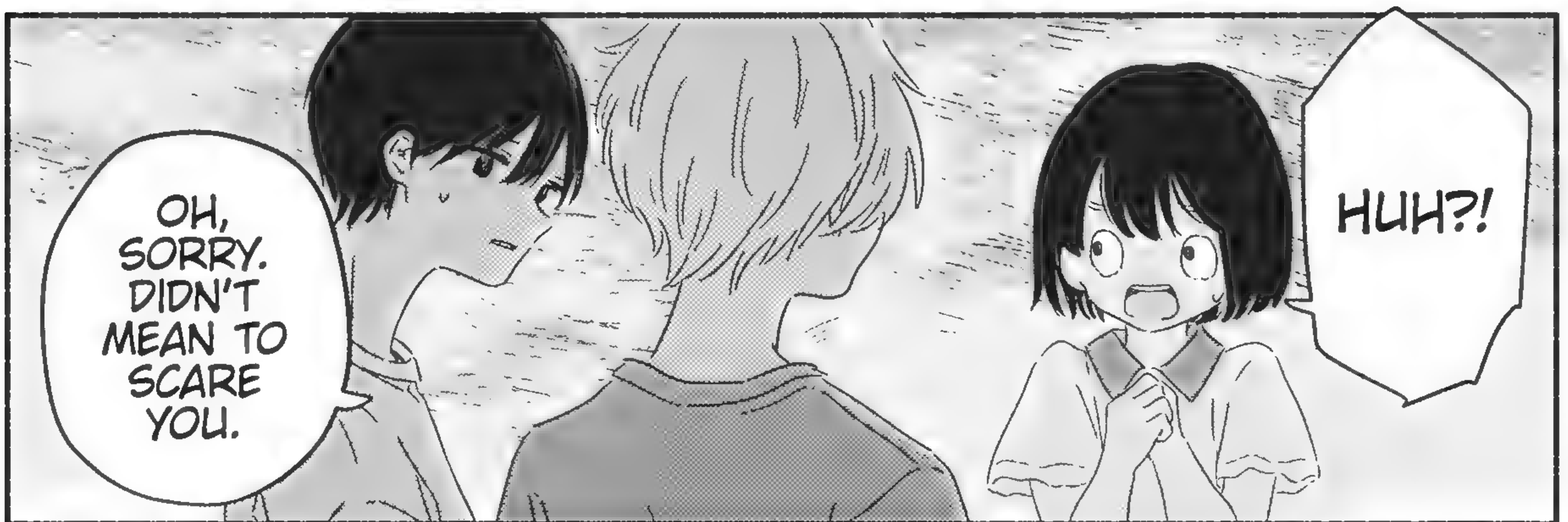
AW,
YEAH!

HEH. YEAH,
WE DON'T
REALLY GET
TO DO THIS
ANYMORE AT
OUR AGE.



...







BUT IT WAS FUN, I HAVE TO ADMIT.

I'VE NEVER PLAYED WITH FIREWORKS BEFORE.



GUESS SO.

GUESS WE BOUGHT ALL THOSE FIREWORKS FOR FUNSIES, THEN.



DUDE! WE TOTALLY SHOULD'VE BOUGHT THAT 100-SHOT MEGA LAUNCHER!

YEAH, PROBABLY SO.

YOU THINK IF WE STRAPPED LIKE THIRTY OF THESE THINGS TOGETHER IT'D DO THE TRICK?

YOU GUYS, IT'S FINE... I WASN'T LOOKING FOR SYMPATHY...



WAIT...

NOT EVEN WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE?

NOPE...

WHY?



HERE.
THESE ARE
OUR LAST
ONES.



GUESS WE'D
BETTER START
HEADING BACK
SOON.



Y'KNOW,
TOMOYA...



ONE FOR
YOU, AOI-
CHAN.

OH,
THANKS.



A LONG,
LONG
TIME.

NOT THAT
IT MATTERS,
REALLY. STILL
MORE FUN THAN
I'VE HAD IN A
LONG TIME.

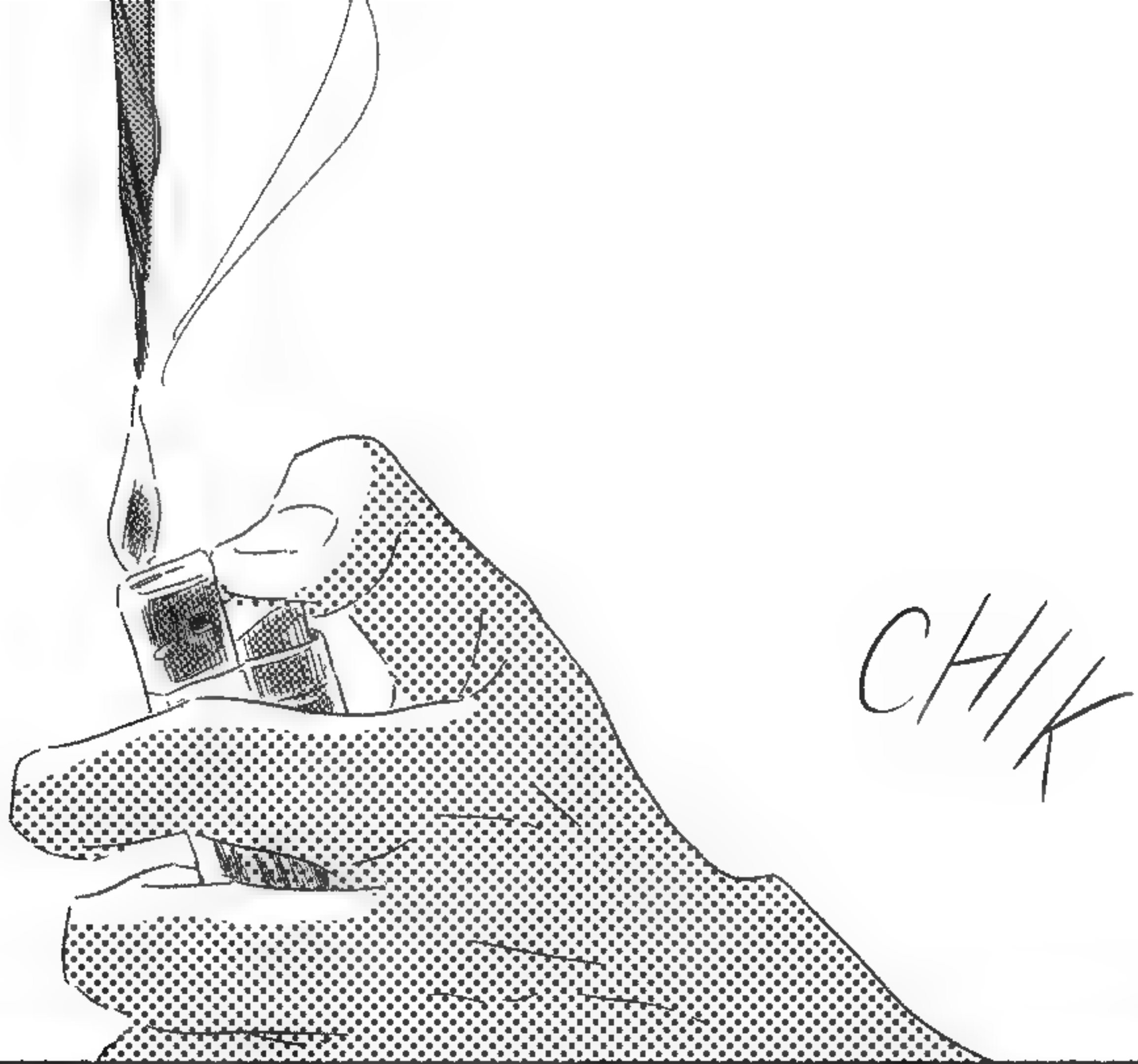


YOU'RE
PROBABLY
GONNA LAUGH
AT THIS, BUT
PART OF
ME REALLY
WANTED TO
BELIEVE...

THAT WE'D
ACTUALLY
SEE A
GHOST
HERE
TONIGHT.



THANKS
FOR
INVITING
ME, DUDE.
REALLY
GLAD YOU
DID.









ROUGHLY
TWENTY
YEARS
OLD...

LONG
HAIR...

WHA...

NO
WAY...

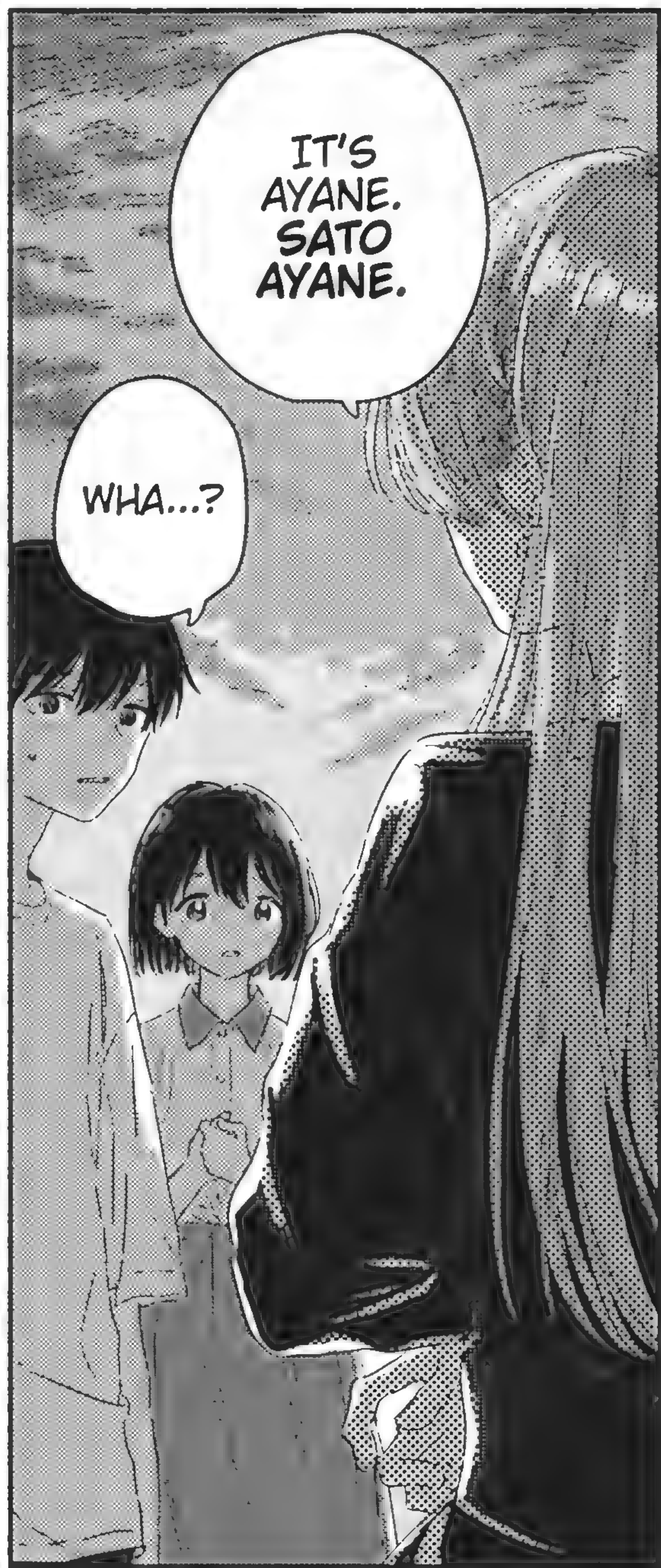
BLACK
DRESS...





SUMMER
GHOST...

IS THAT
YOU?





REALLY?
WHAT DID
IT SAY?

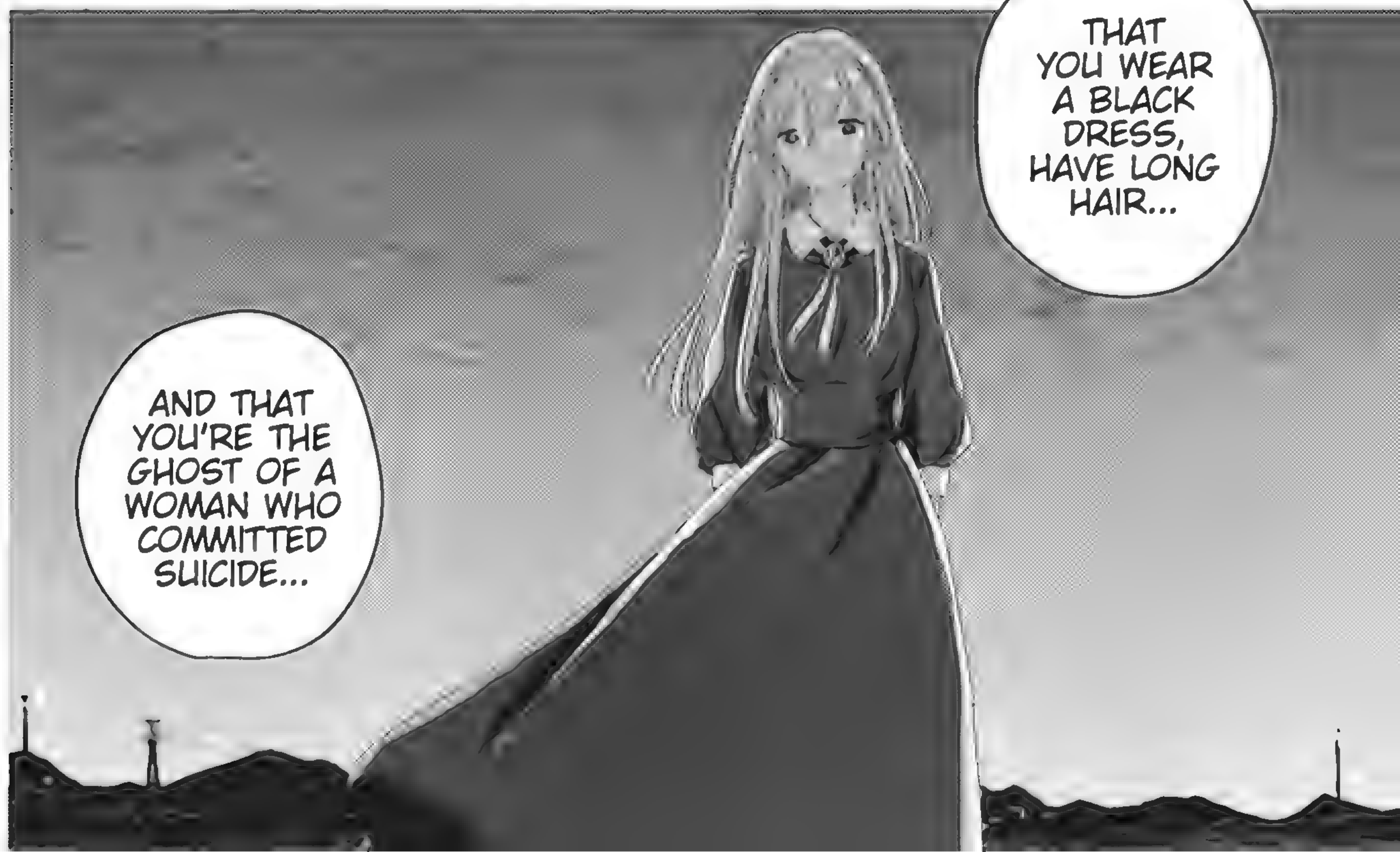
UH...
FROM AN
ARTICLE
ON THE
INTERNET.



UM...
ER...

WELLLLL?

C'MON!
HOW DID
YOU THREE
FIND OUT
ABOUT
ME?



AND THAT
YOU'RE THE
GHOST OF A
WOMAN WHO
COMMITTED
SUICIDE...

THAT
YOU WEAR
A BLACK
DRESS,
HAVE LONG
HAIR...



DON'T THINK
I'VE GOT ALL
DAY JUST
BECAUSE I'M
DECEASED.

WELL, GO ON,
THEN. SNAP
YOUR LITTLE
COMMEMORATIVE
PHOTO AND BE
ON YOUR WAY.



I SEE...

PEOPLE
SURE LOVE
TO TALK,
DON'T
THEY...

GIVING
ME CUTE
NICKNAMES
AND SUCH...
AS IF THEY
KNOW THE
FIRST THING
ABOUT ME.



Dude, your
phone's
haunted
now!!

Whoa...
She doesn't
appear in
the pic!!

HOW
FUN.



Y'KNOW, I'VE
GOTTA SAY...
FOR A GHOST,
YOU'RE NOT AS
FRIGHTENING AS
I EXPECTED.

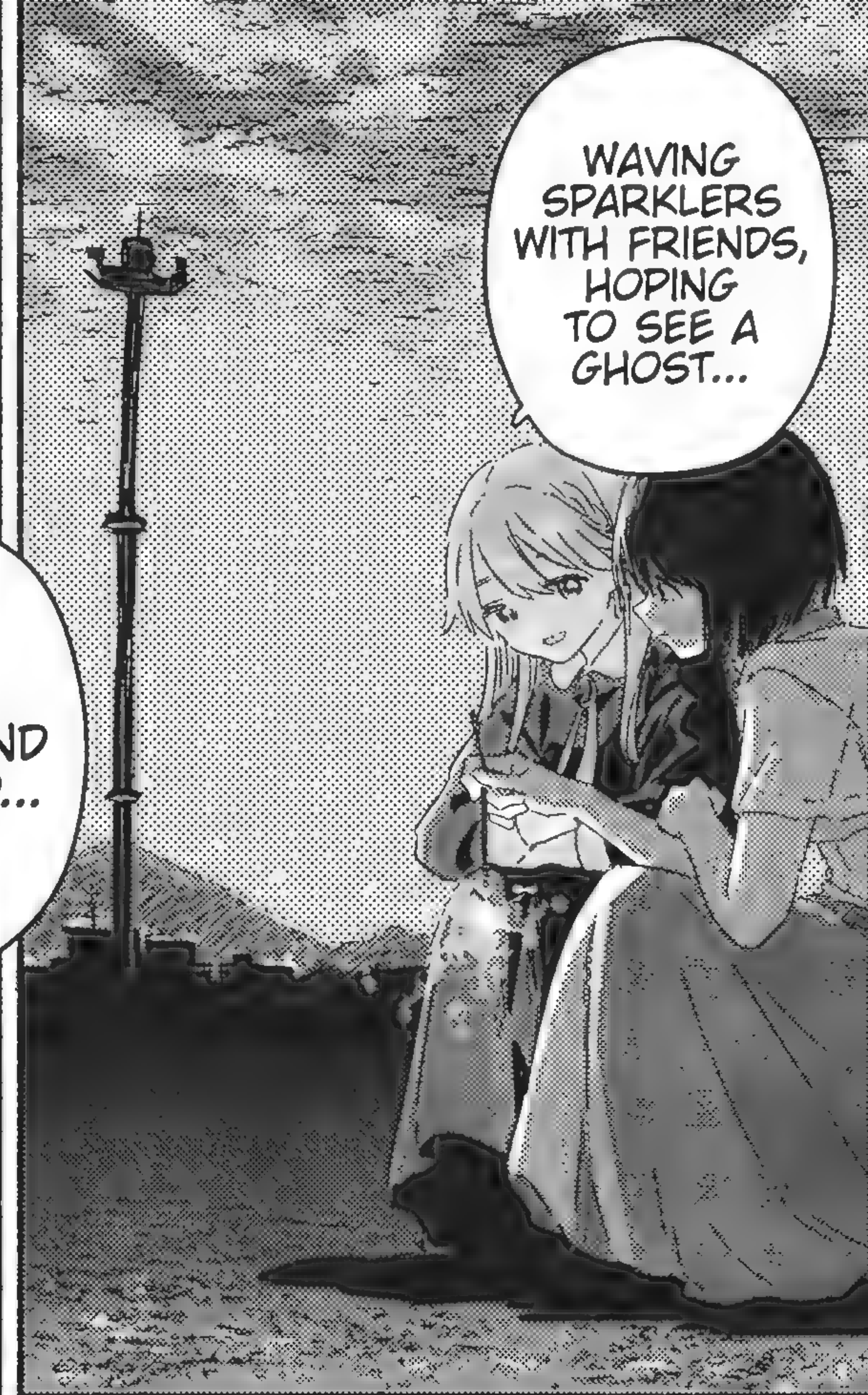
SORRY?
DID YOU
WANT ME TO
CURSE YOUR
SOUL OR
SOMETHING?

NO, NO.
I'M GOOD,
THANKS.



SO
YOUNG AND
UNAFRAID...

WISH I
COULD GO
BACK TO
THOSE
DAYS.



WAVING
SPARKLERS
WITH FRIENDS,
HOPING
TO SEE A
GHOST...

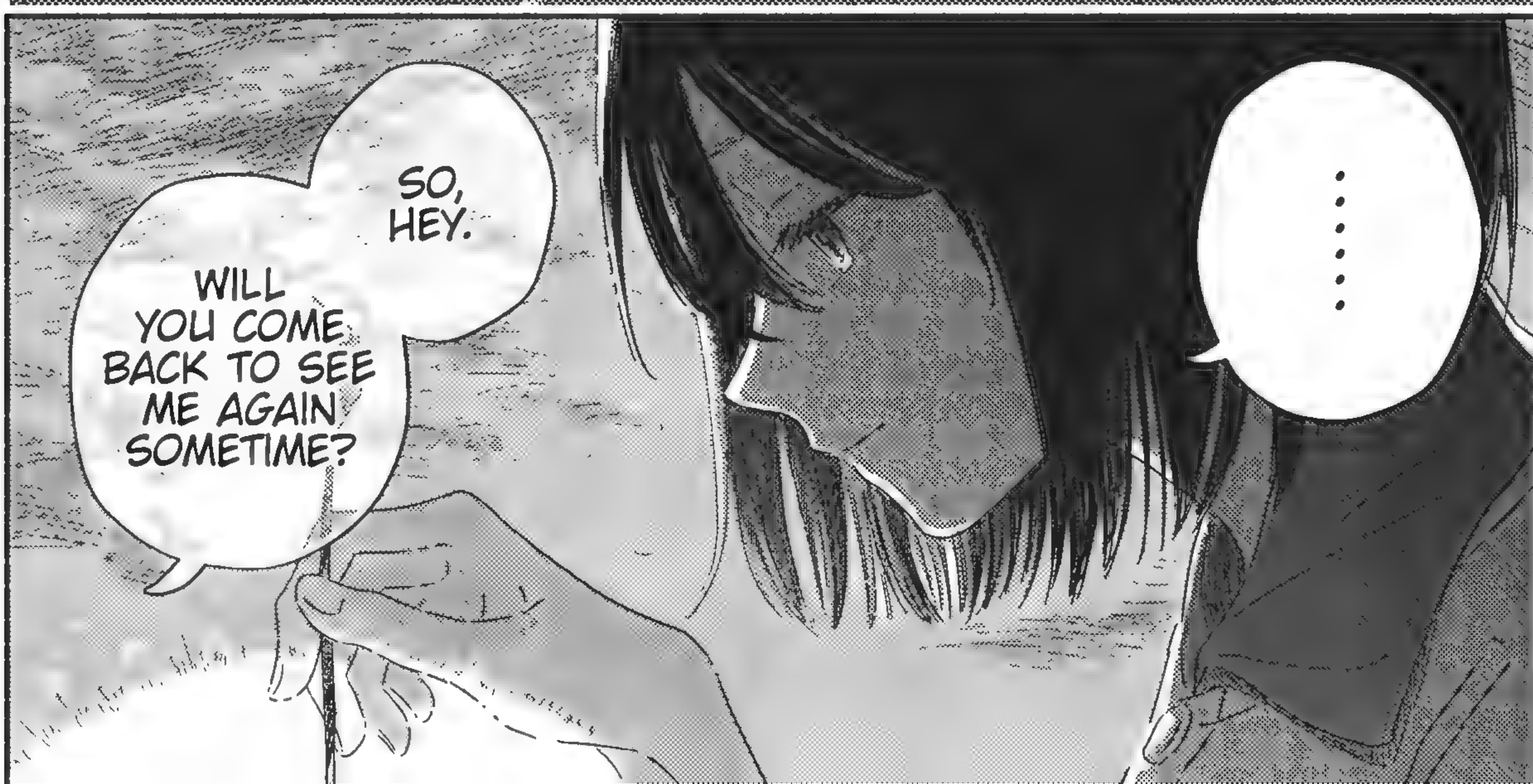


OH
YES.

YOU JUST
MIGHT NOT
REALIZE IT
YET.

YOU
REALLY
THINK
SO?

ENJOY
IT WHILE IT
LASTS. THESE
ARE THE BEST
YEARS OF
YOUR LIFE,
AFTER ALL.



SO,
HEY.

WILL
YOU COME
BACK TO SEE
ME AGAIN
SOMETIME?

...



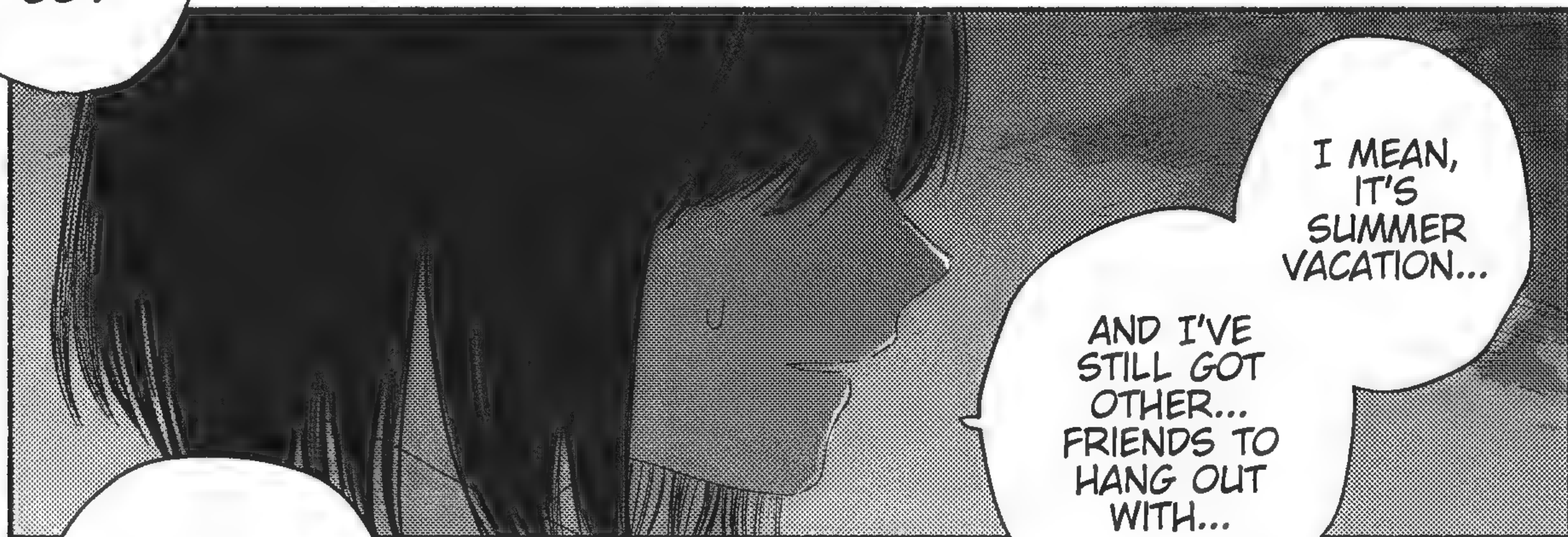
I
DUNNO...

I'M
PRETTY
BUSY
THESE
DAYS.

HUH?



IS
THAT
SO?



I MEAN,
IT'S
SUMMER
VACATION...

AND I'VE
STILL GOT
OTHER...
FRIENDS TO
HANG OUT
WITH...

WANNA
MAKE LOTS OF
MEMORIES...
WHILE I
STILL CAN,
Y'KNOW...?



.....
?



I DON'T
REMEMBER
THESE LITTLE
INCENSE
SPARKLERS
LASTING SO
LONG.

OH,
NOTHING.
IT'S
JUST...

WHAT'S
UP?



UM... CAN
I ASK YOU
SOMETHING?

AREN'T
YOU EVER...
GLAD TO BE
A GHOST,
SOMETIMES?



I FEEL LIKE
THAT MUST
BE A HUGE
RELIEF.



PARDON?

I MEAN, YOU
DON'T HAVE TO
DEAL WITH ANY
SOCIAL DRAMA
ANYMORE,
RIGHT?



SO
THAT'S
IT,
THEN...

I SEE
WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE.



YEAH...

I GET
THAT A
LOT.



I'M A
LITTLE
JEALOUS,
HONESTLY.



THAT'S
WHY YOU'VE
COME HERE
TO SEE ME.



YOU'RE
DROWNING,
AREN'T
YOU?

!



TO
RELATE
TO AN
OUTCAST
LIKE ME.

THEY'RE
BOTH
WAY TOO
NORMAL...

THEY'D
NEVER
UNDER-
STAND.

WHY
NOT TRY
OPENING UP
TO THOSE
TWO ABOUT
IT?





YOU THINK
YOU'VE GOT
IT SO MUCH
WORSE THAN
EVERYONE
ELSE, EH?



BUT
THEY'RE
YOUR
FRIENDS,
AREN'T
THEY?

HARDLY.
WE ONLY
JUST
MET THIS
AFTERNOON.



I FIGURED
WE MIGHT
HAVE STUFF
IN COMMON,
SINCE WE
ALL WANTED
TO MEET A
GHOST...

BUT
NO. IT'S
LIKE THEY
LIVE IN A
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
WORLD
FROM ME.

AH HA...
I THINK
I GET IT
NOW.



DON'T PRESUME
TO KNOW A
PERSON BASED
SOLELY ON
THEIR PUBLIC
SELF.



BUT
LOOKS
CAN BE
DECEIVING,
YOU KNOW.



HERE...

I'LL LET
YOU IN ON
A LITTLE
SECRET.





WHO
WISH TO
KNOW THE
FACE OF
DEATH.



FWSH



OH,
THERE IT
WENT.

IS THE
GHOST
GONE
TOO?

LOOKS
LIKE IT.

HEY, AOI-
CHAN. YOU
GOOD OVER
THERE?

WHY DOES
IT SMELL
LIKE...A
FUNERAL?



WELL, IT'S
GETTING
LATE
ANYHOW.
WE SHOULD
HEAD BACK.

YEAH.
GUESS WE'D
BETTER
PACK UP,
THEN.

MAN, IT'S
SO DARK
ALL OF A
SUDDEN!
KINDA GIVIN'
ME THE
CREEPS!

LIKE THAT
INCENSE
YOU BURN
FOR THE
DEAD...

ON THE WALK
BACK HOME,
RYO-KUN SAID
IT WAS THE
MOST FUN
HE'D HAD IN
AGES.



READY TO
GO, AOI-
CHAN?



OH,
UH...

YEAH!

AND
TOMOYA-KLIN
AND I JUST
SMILED AND
LAUGHED
ALONG LIKE
WE'D BEEN
DOING ALL
NIGHT.

**BUT THE
ONLY THING
ON OUR
MINDS THAT
DAY WAS
DEATH.**



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*AND SO
SUMMER
BEGAN.*

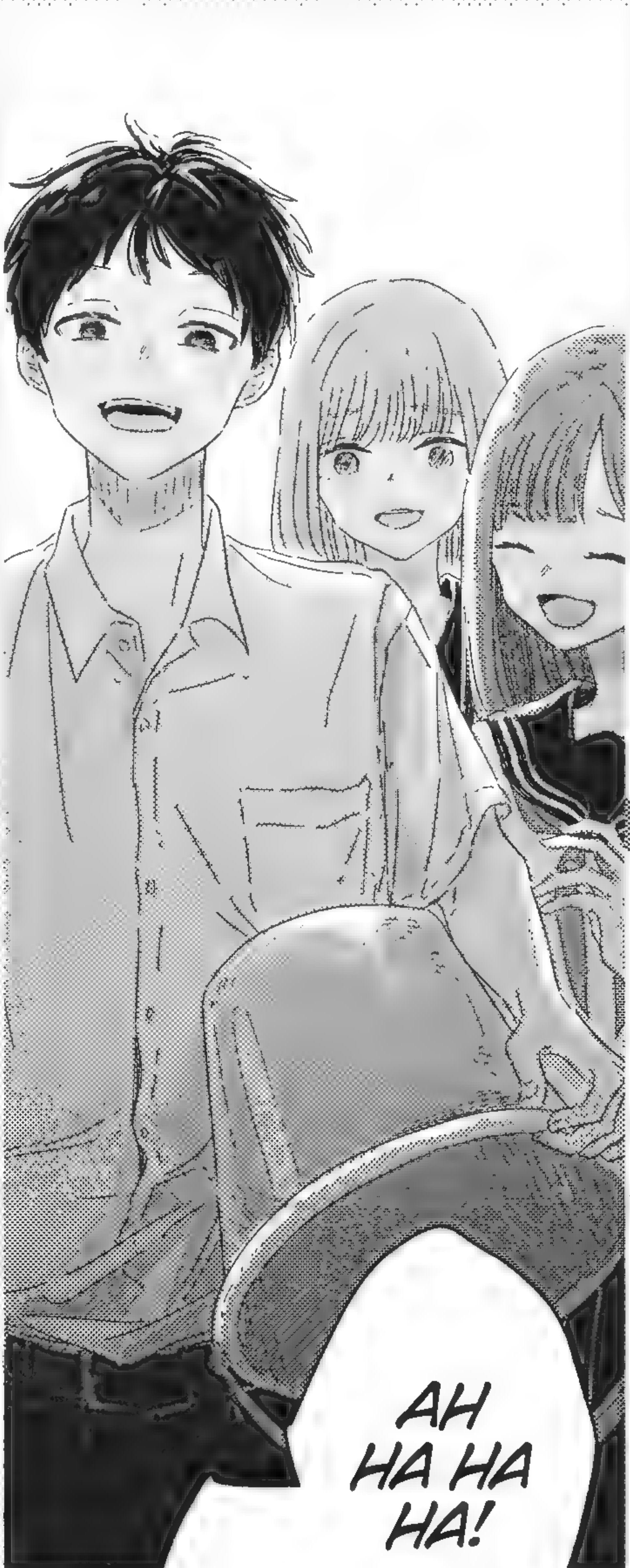
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CHAPTER 2









AH
HA HA
HA!

OH
MY GOD,
DUDE!



SPLASH



THUNK



OKAY,
SERIOUSLY,
YOU GUYS!
THAT'S
ENOUGH!



AW,
C'MON.
SHE'LL
BE FINE.

BESIDES,
ON A NICE
DAY LIKE
THIS,
SHE'LL DRY
OFF IN NO
TIME.

OH,
IS THAT
WHAT
YOU'RE
WORRIED
ABOUT?

AH HA
HA...

PRAT
"PLA"
-/





HEY....!



KEEP OUT



WHAT
ARE YOU,
STUPID?!

WHADDYA
THINK
YOU'RE
DOIN'?!
GET
DOWN
FROM
THERE!

IT WAS
JUST A
PRANK!
C'MON,
NOW!



SEE, THIS
IS WHY NO
ONE LIKES
YOU!! STOP
ACTING LIKE
SUCH A
FREAK!!

AGAIN,
HUH?



SHE FINALLY
COMES
BACK TO
SCHOOL, AND
IMMEDIATELY
PULLS
ANOTHER
STUNT...

YEAH,
SOUNDS
LIKE THOSE
OTHER KIDS
WERE JUST
FOOLING
AROUND A
BIT.

I DOUBT
SHE'D
REALLY
DO IT, FOR
WHAT IT'S
WORTH.

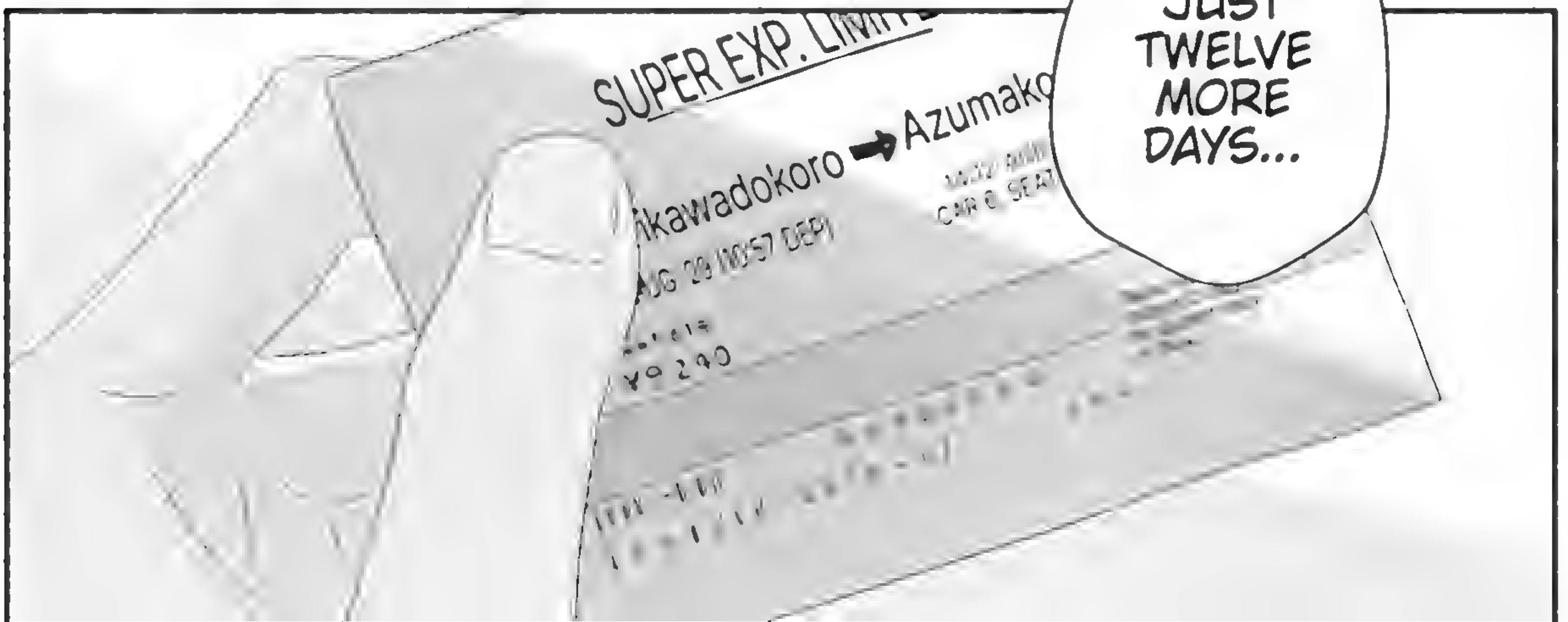
SOME
OF THESE
STUDENTS, I
TELL YA. WHY
CAN'T THEY
JUST GET
ALONG LIKE
EVERYONE
ELSE?



HA HA
HA, NO
KIDDING...

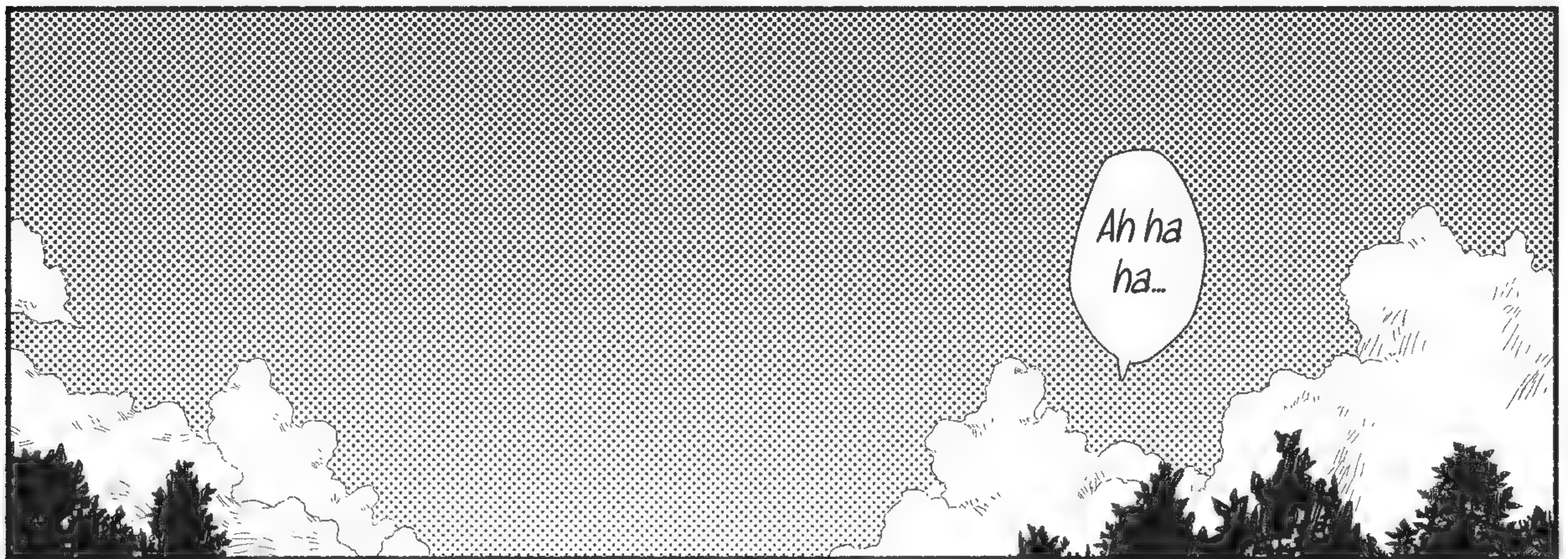












※ They're eating baseball-themed ice cream bars marked with baseball hits or strikes.









I ain't
afraid of no
ghost!

Who you
gonna
call?



HERE,
TAKE
SOME
FRIES.

W
E
E
E
H
H
!!

QUICK,
LICK
SOME
SALT!

E
E
E
E
K
!!



ALL RIGHT,
MAN. CATCH
YOU LATER.



HEY,
UM...

RYO-
KUN?



ARE YOU, LIKE...

ARE YOU DOING OKAY?



YEAH?



IT'S JUST...
YESTERDAY...

WHEN I WAS
TALKING WITH
AYANE-SAN,
SHE SAID...



IT'S NOT
THAT...

WHA...?
NO, NO!

WAIT...

ARE YOU
THINKIN'
THAT
MAYBE...

I MIGHT
BE
HAUNTED
TOO?!



I NEVER
ASKED...

WHY DID
YOU WANT
TO GO SEE
THE GHOST
YESTERDAY,
RYO-KUN?

S-SO,
UH...

ER...



WHADDYA
MEAN?

IT'S LIKE
I SAID LAST
NIGHT, WHO
WOULDN'T
WANNA SEE
THAT?

JUST
PLAIN OL'
CURIOSITY.



GOTCHA...

BUT I
DECIDED NOT
TO TELL 'EM.
THEY'D NEVER
BELIEVE ME.



FIGURED I'D
EARN MAJOR
BRAGGING
RIGHTS IF
I SAW IT
MYSELF.

WELL, I
ACTUALLY
HEARD ABOUT
IT FROM MY
TEAMMATES...



BUT I'M
GLAD I
DID.

Y'KNOW,
I ALMOST
DIDN'T COME
YESTERDAY,
TO BE
HONEST.



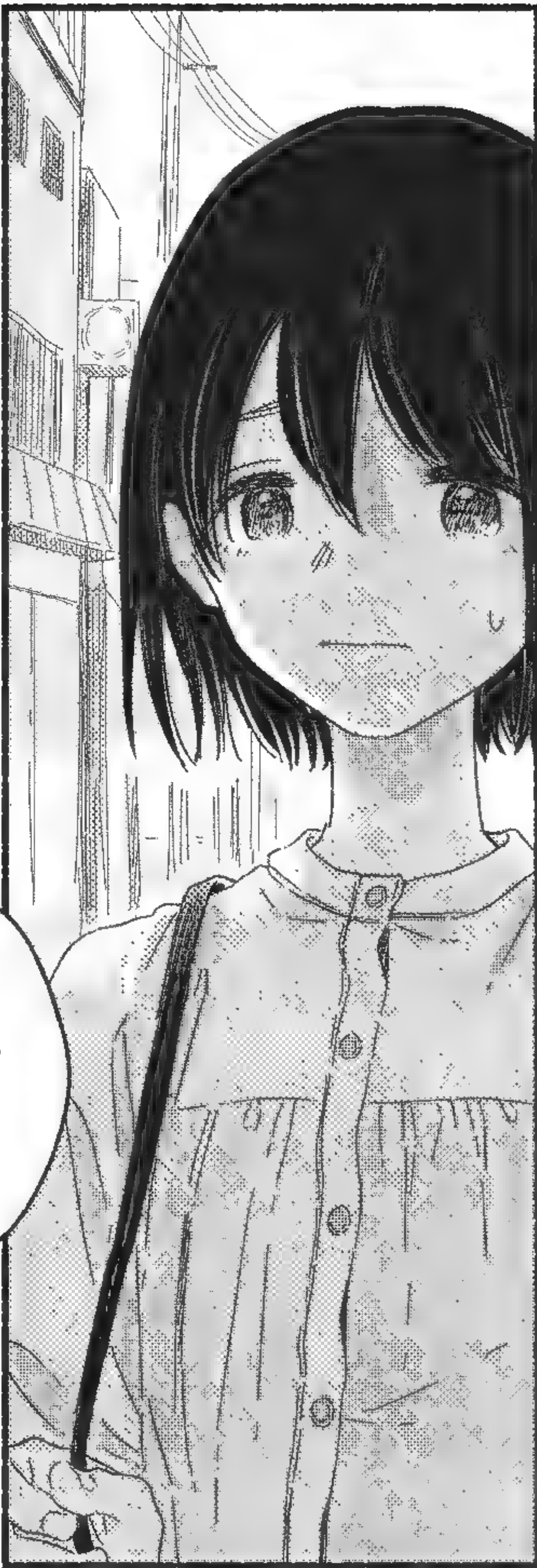
I HAD
A TON OF
FUN LAST
NIGHT.

AND IT
WAS COOL
GETTING TO
MEET YOU
GUYS, TOO.

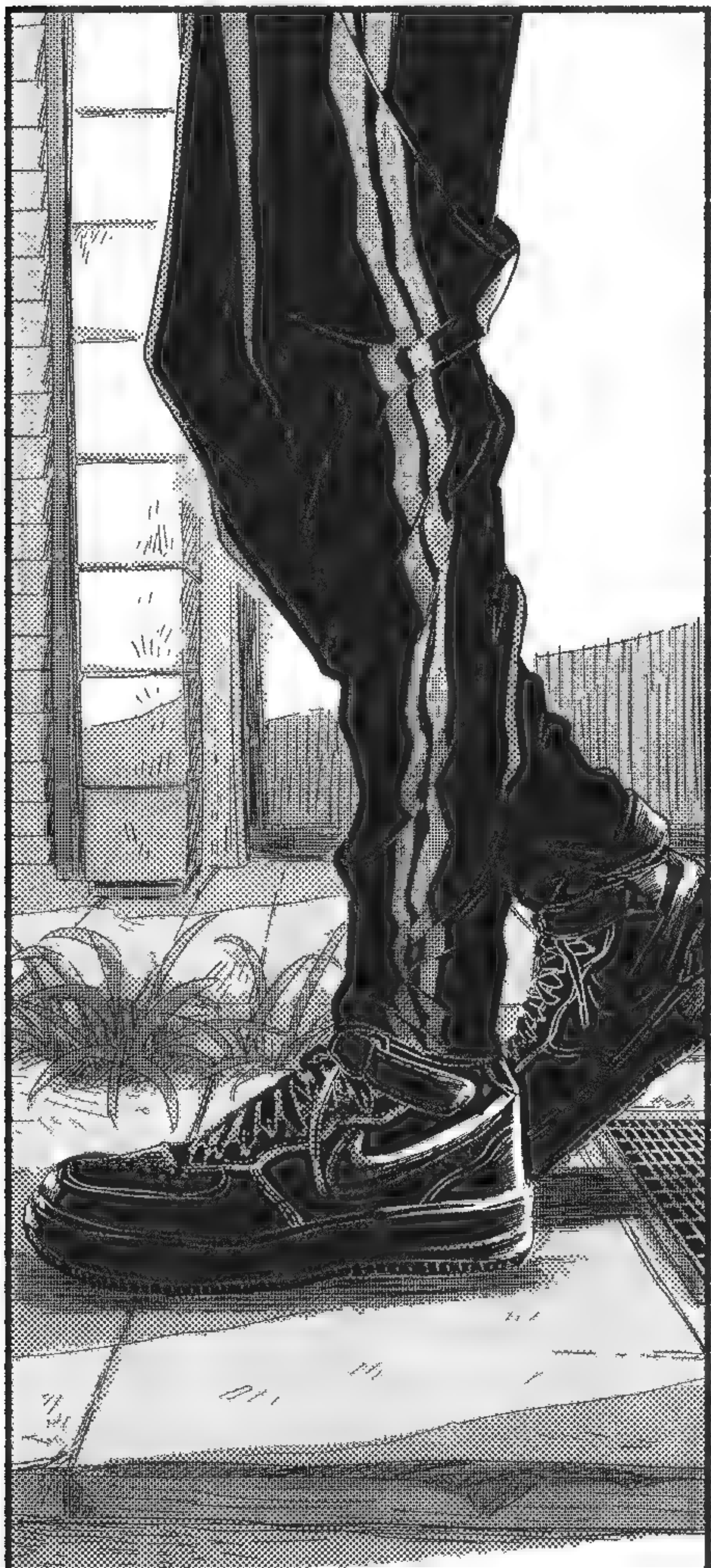


Y-YEAH!

FOR SURE.



WE REALLY NEED TO HANG OUT AGAIN SOMETIME.



NEVER KNOW WHAT MIGHT BE HIDING UNDER YOUR BED...

OR LURKING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SHOWER CURTAIN.



WELL, SEE YA AROUND, AOI-CHAN!

OH, AND BE SURE TO WATCH YOUR BACK!

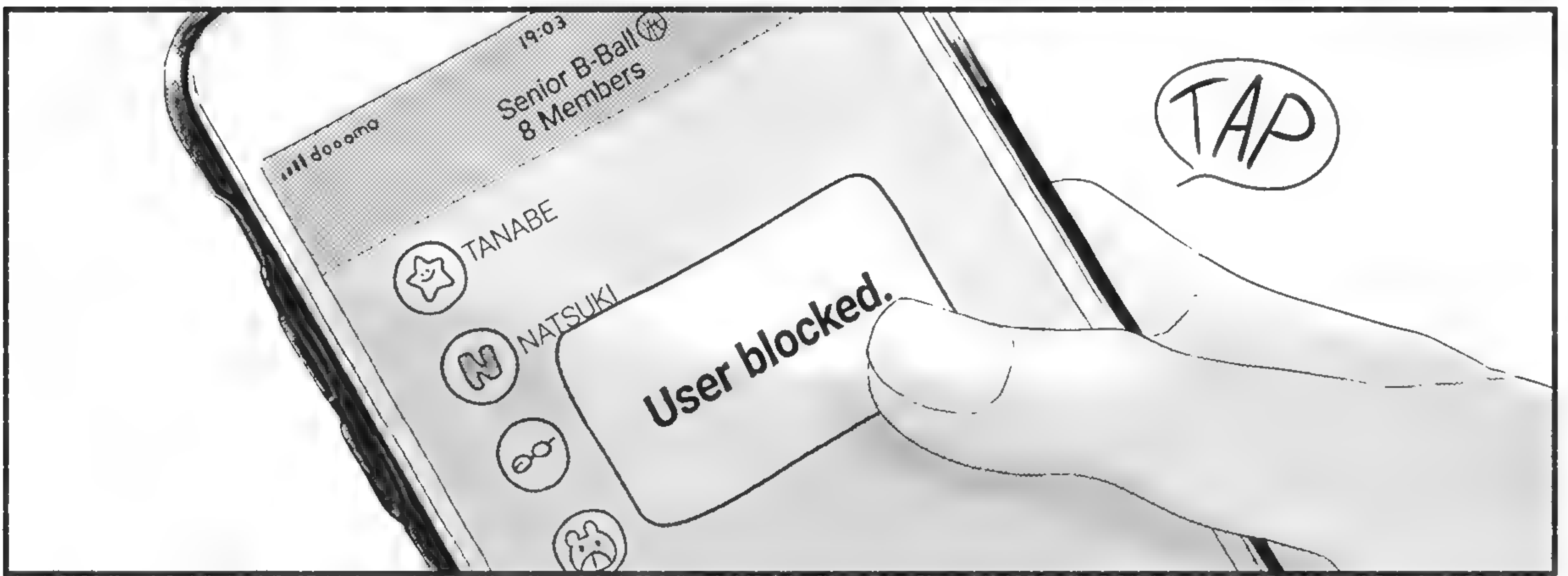
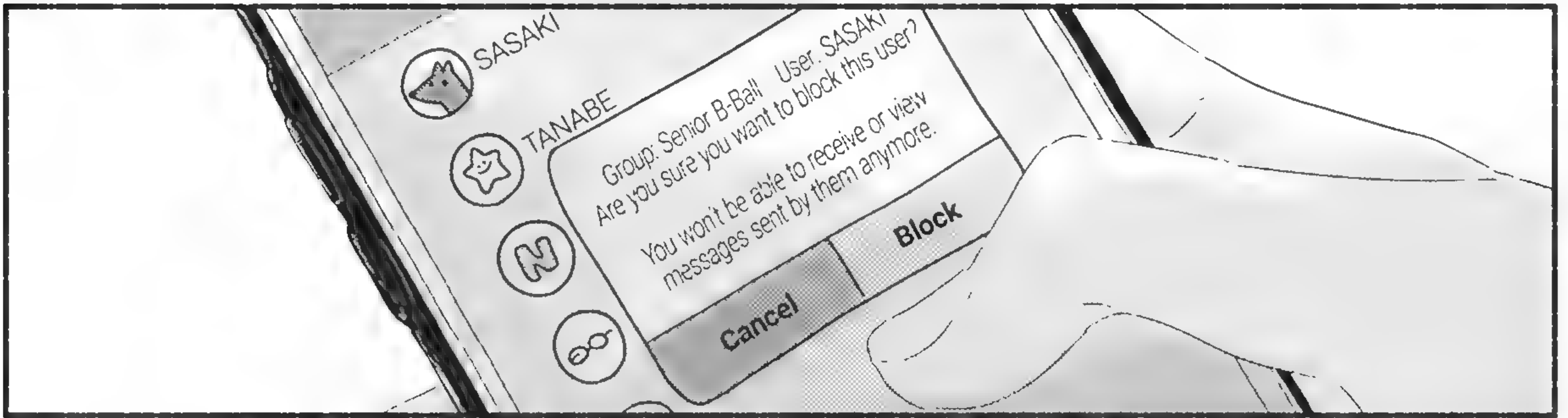
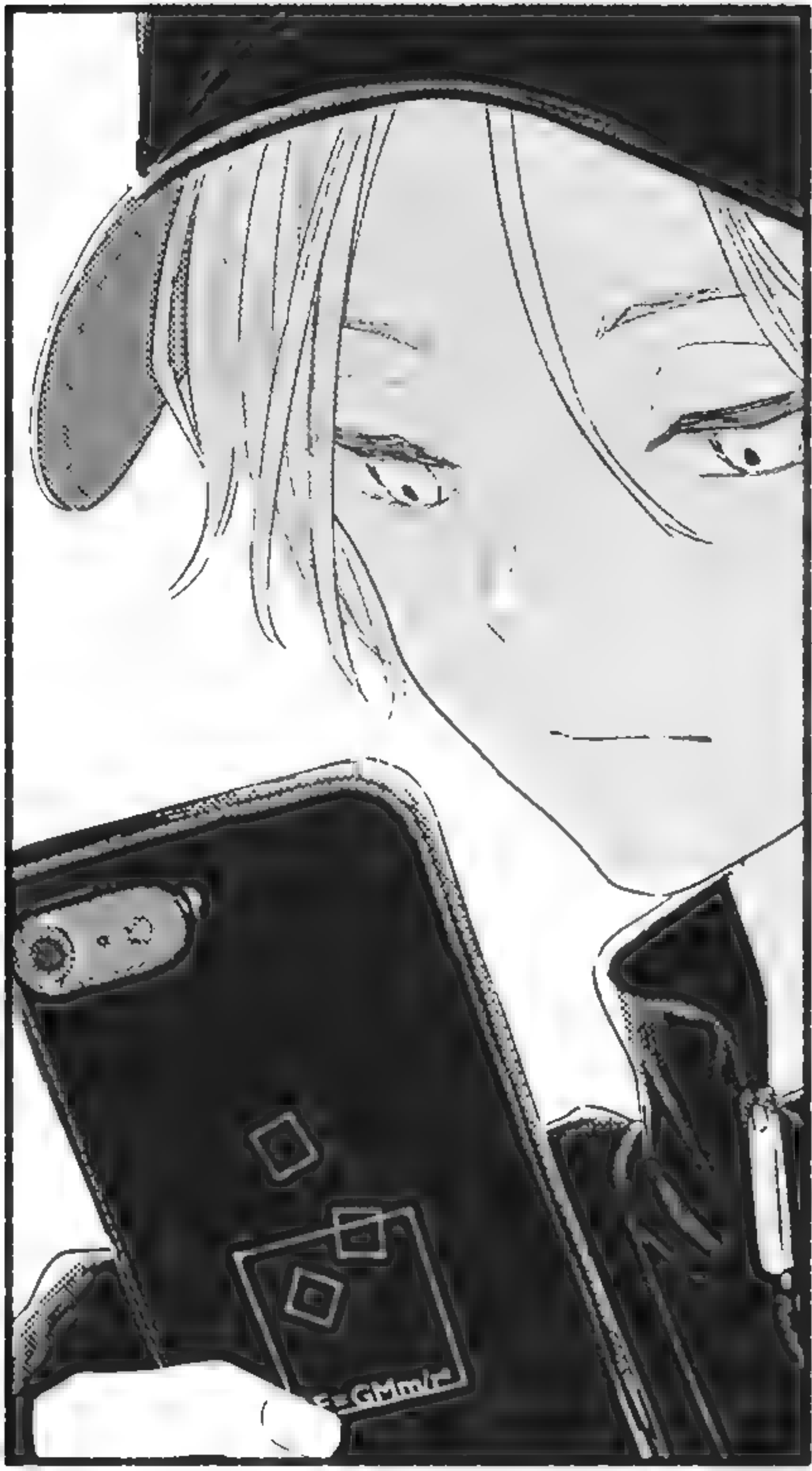


HA HA!

SORRY, COULDN'T RESIST.



WOULD YOU KNOCK IT OFF?!





Senior B-Ball
Are you sure you want to leave this group?
All chat history will be erased from this device.

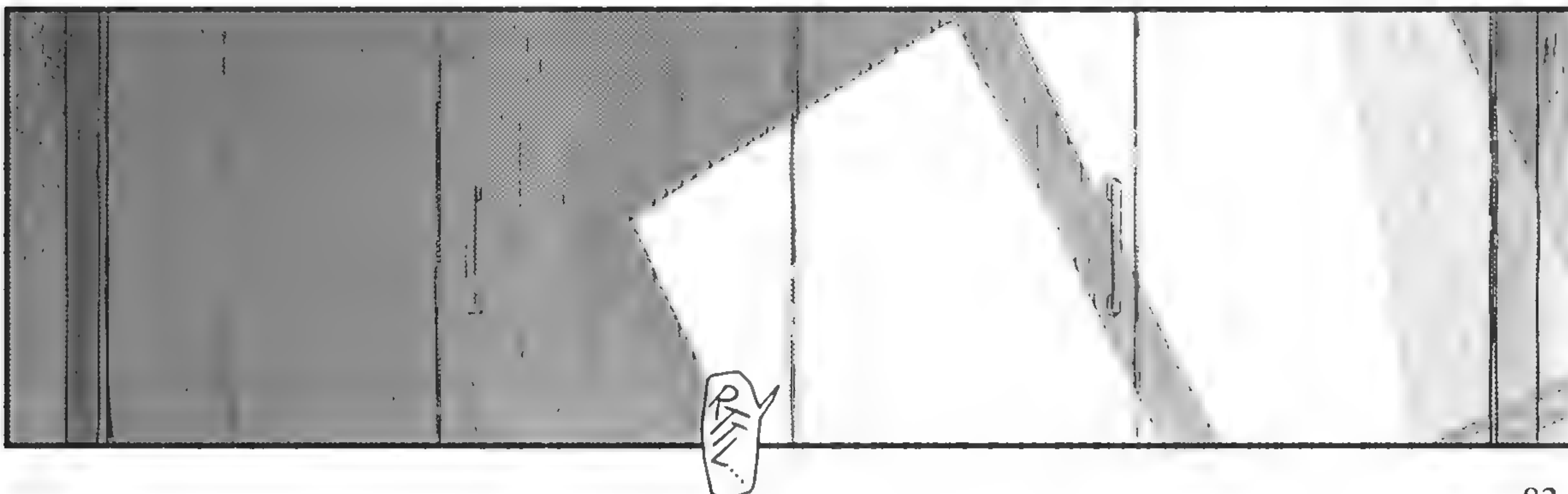
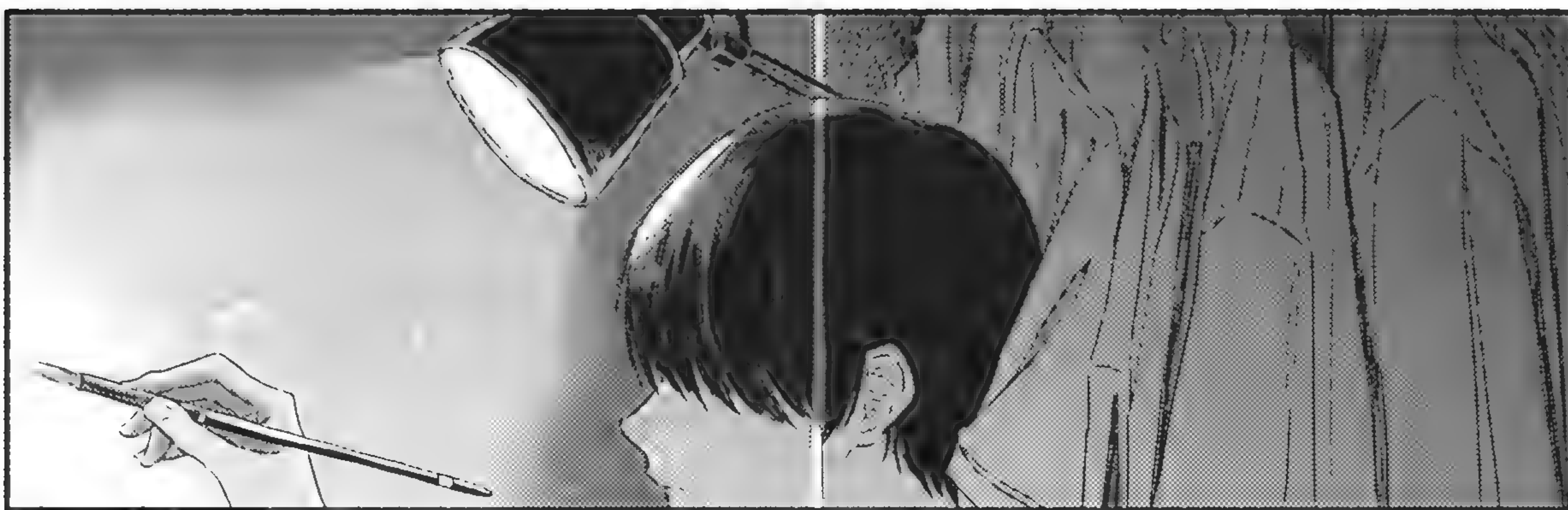
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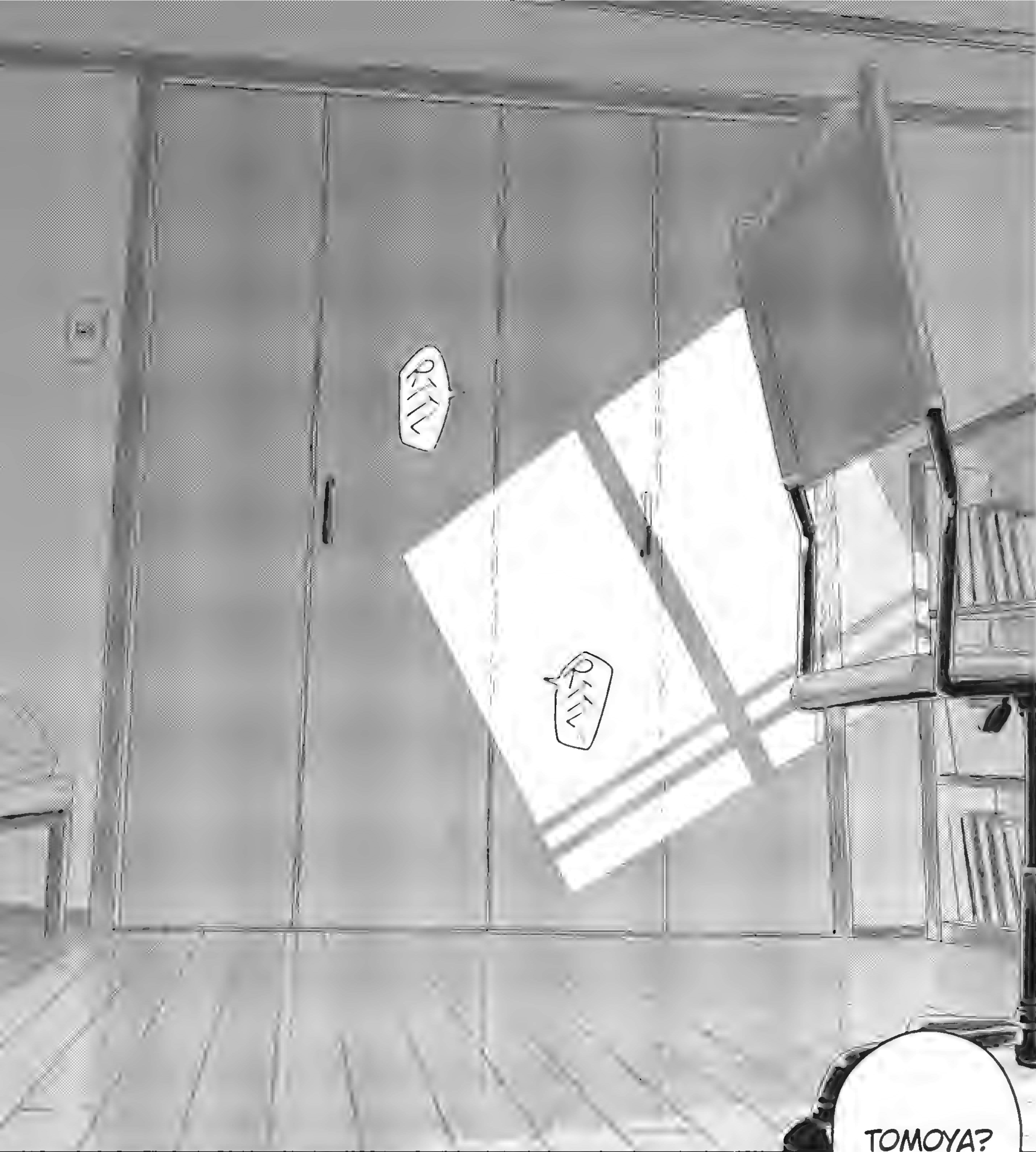
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TAP

CHAPTER 3



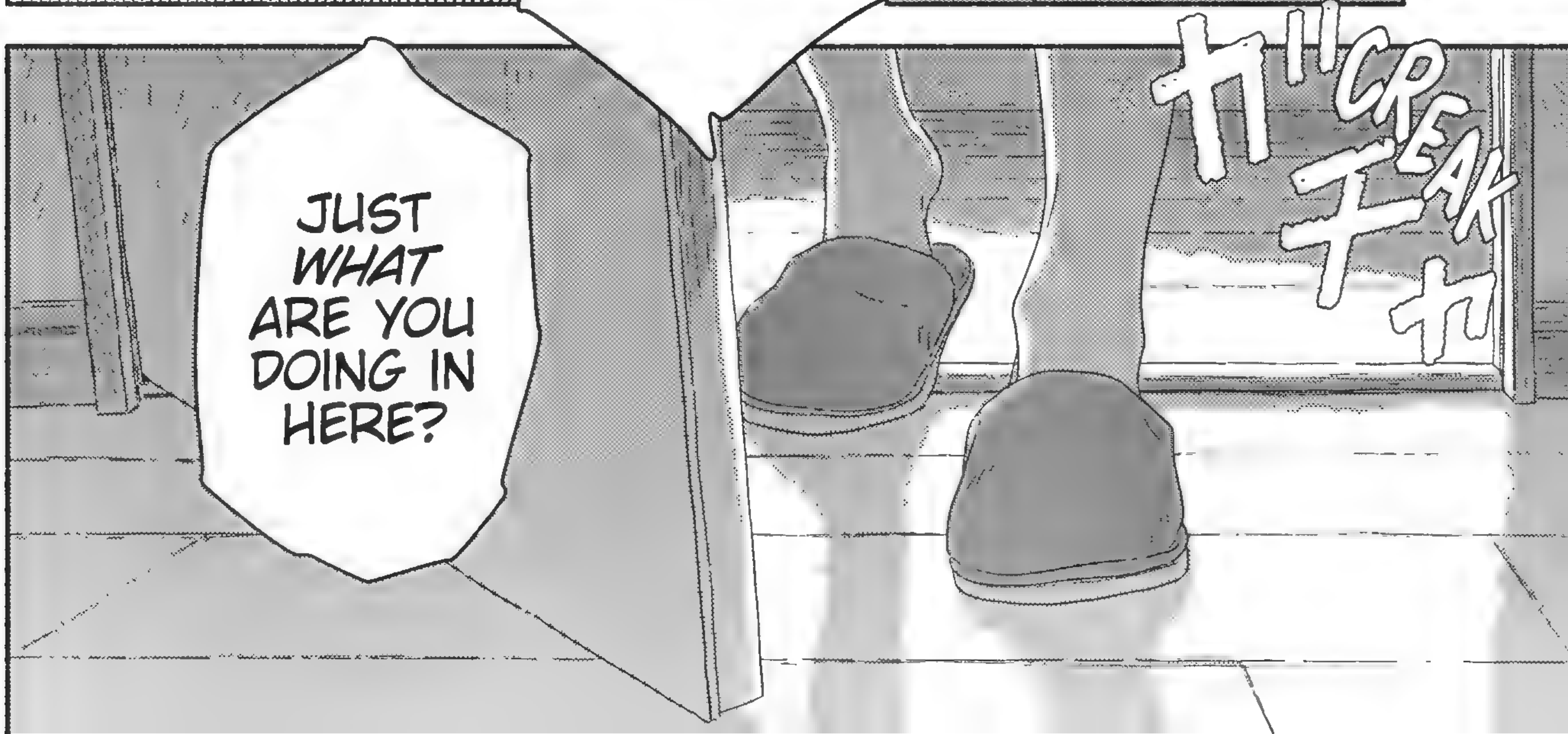


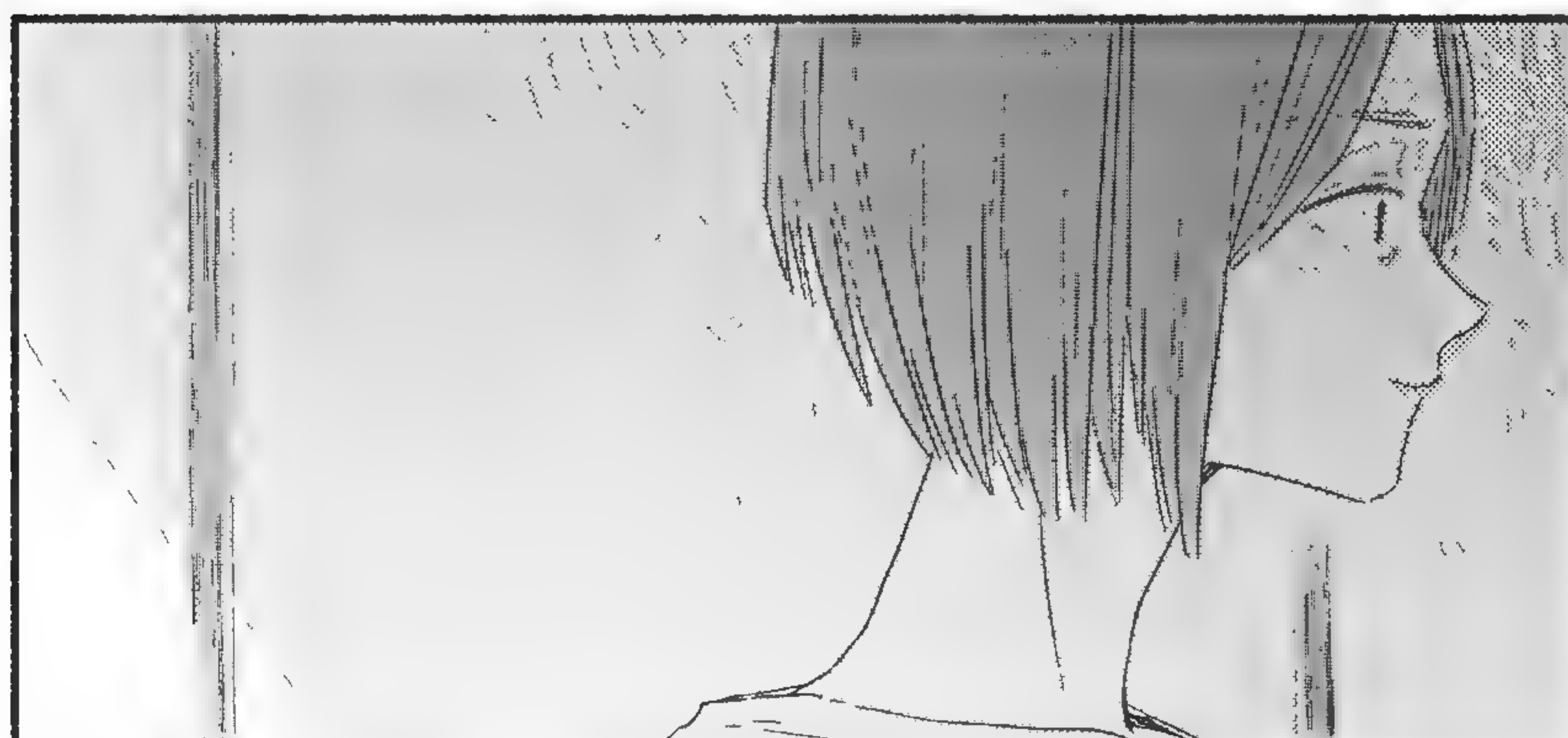


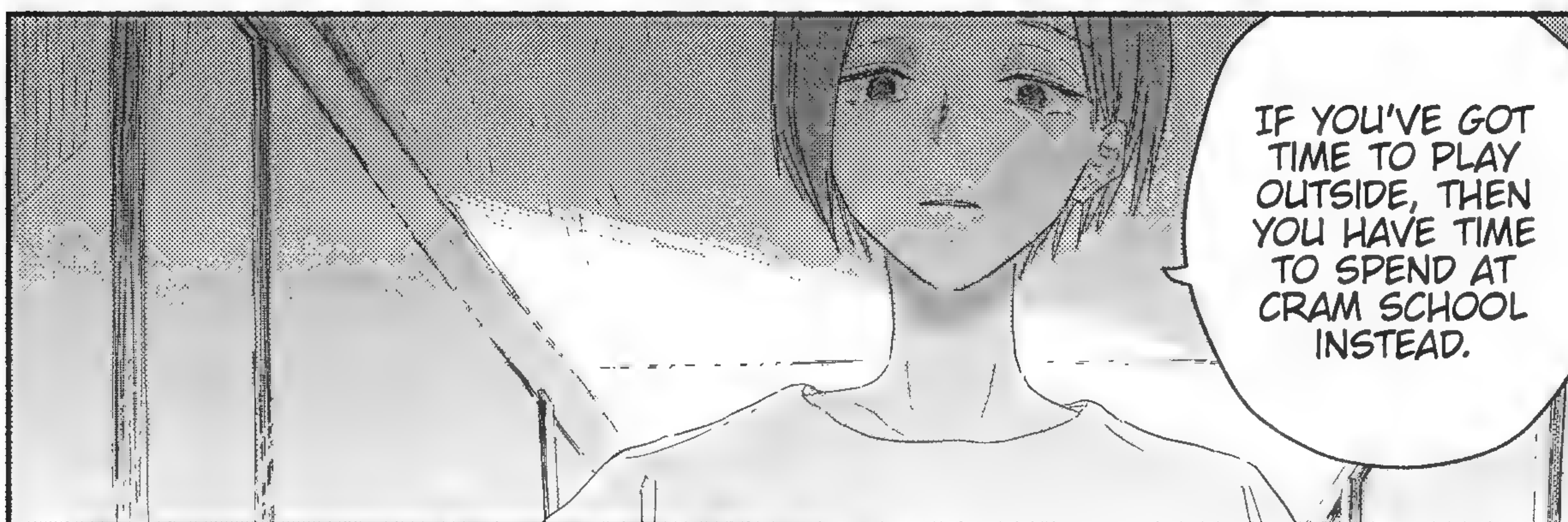
TOMOYA?

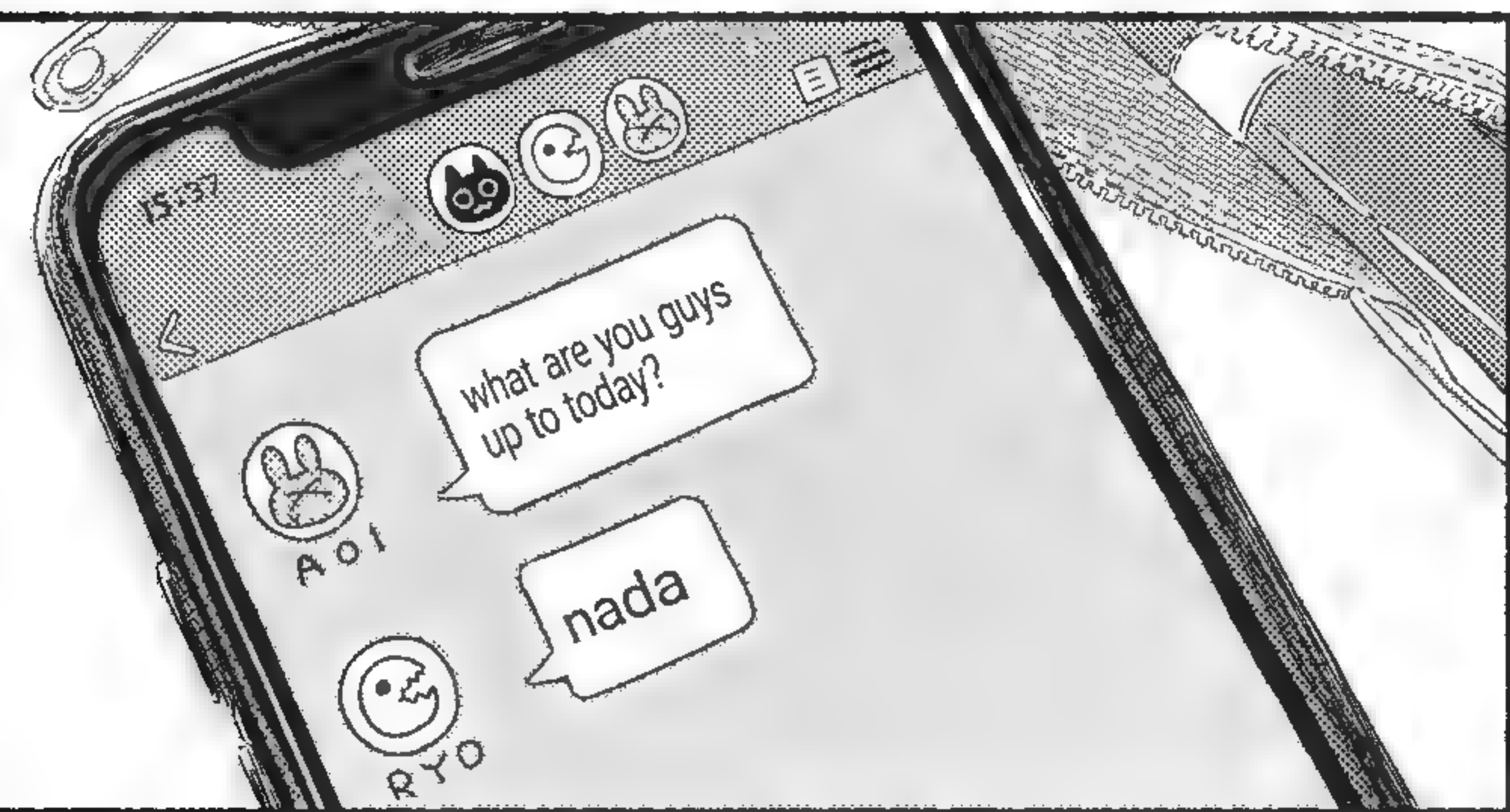
HURRY
UP AND
GET
GOING.

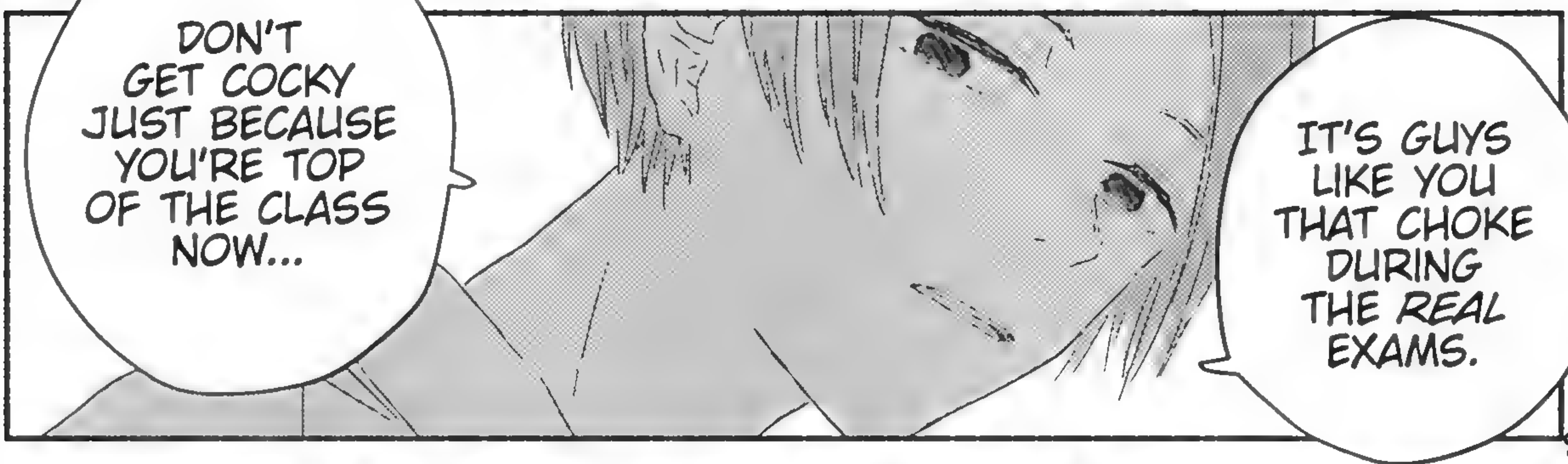
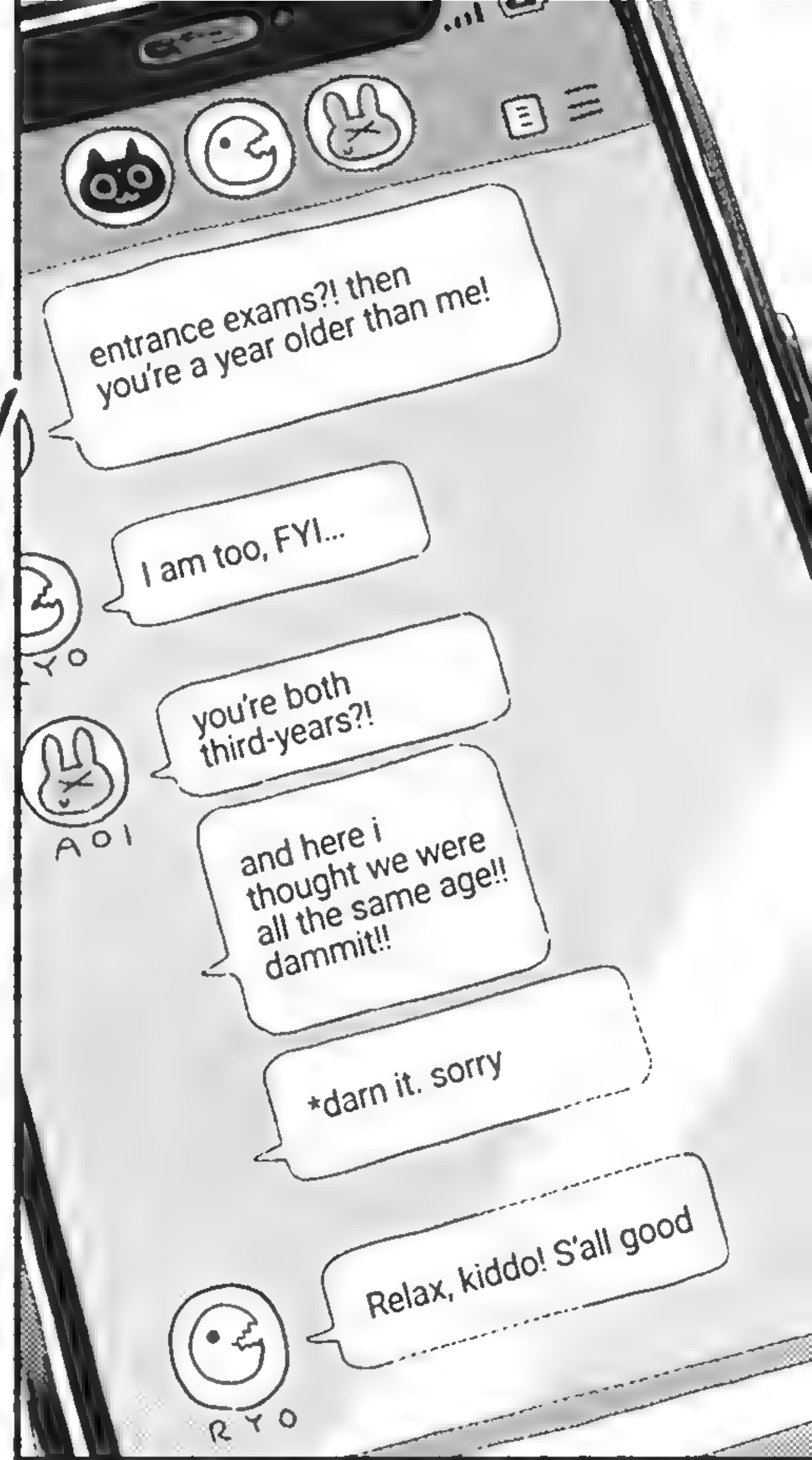
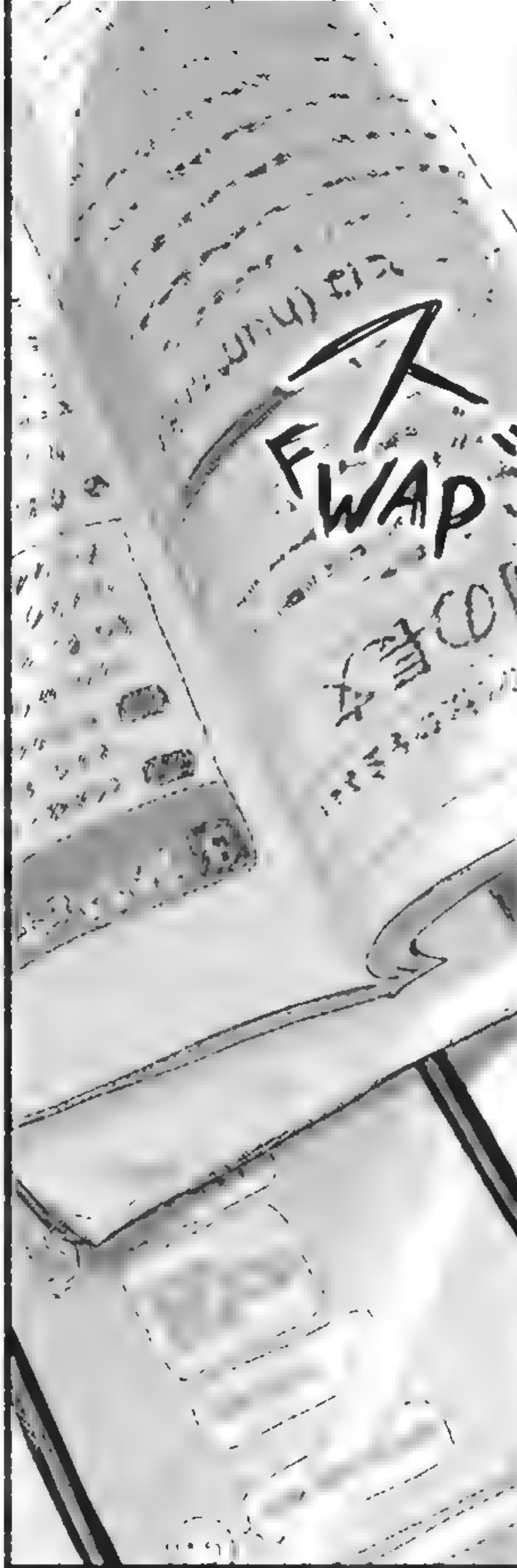
YOU'RE
GOING TO
BE LATE
FOR CRAM
SCHOOL.













YEAH! IT'S
THE SPIRIT
OF A GIRL
WHO KILLED
HERSELF!

OH,
RIGHT... THE
ONE WHO
SHOWS UP
AT THE OLD
AIRFIELD?



I KNOW A GUY
AT MY SCHOOL
WHOSE BUDDY'S
GIRLFRIEND SAW
IT, APPARENTLY.

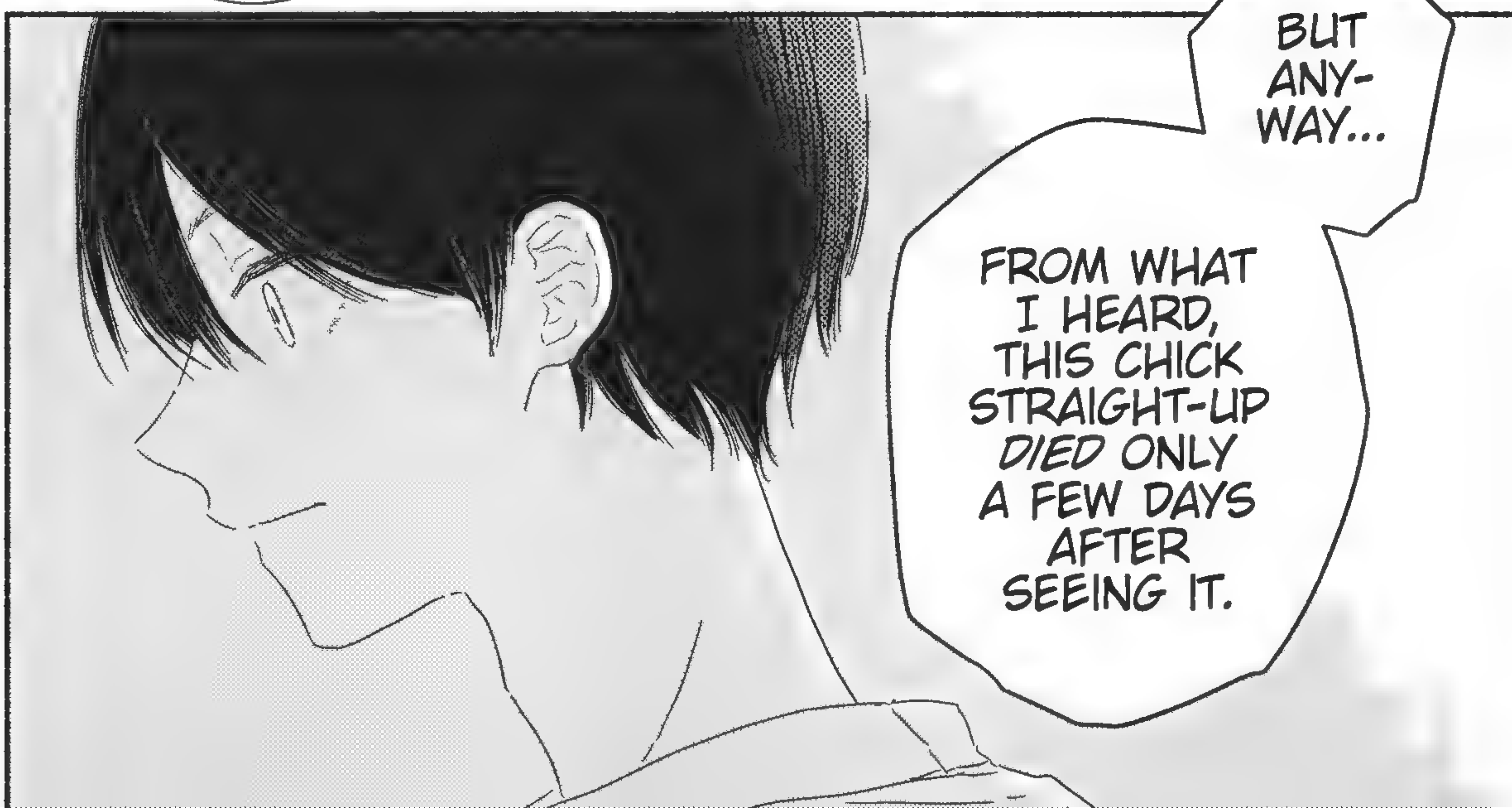
COOL
STORY,
BRO.

SHE SAID
ITS NAME
IS AKANE?
AYANE?
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

DUDE,
YOU DON'T
SERIOUSLY
BELIEVE
IN GHOST
STORIES,
DO YOU?

ONE OF THE
KIDS FROM MY
SCHOOL WENT
TO GO SEE IT,
ACTUALLY...

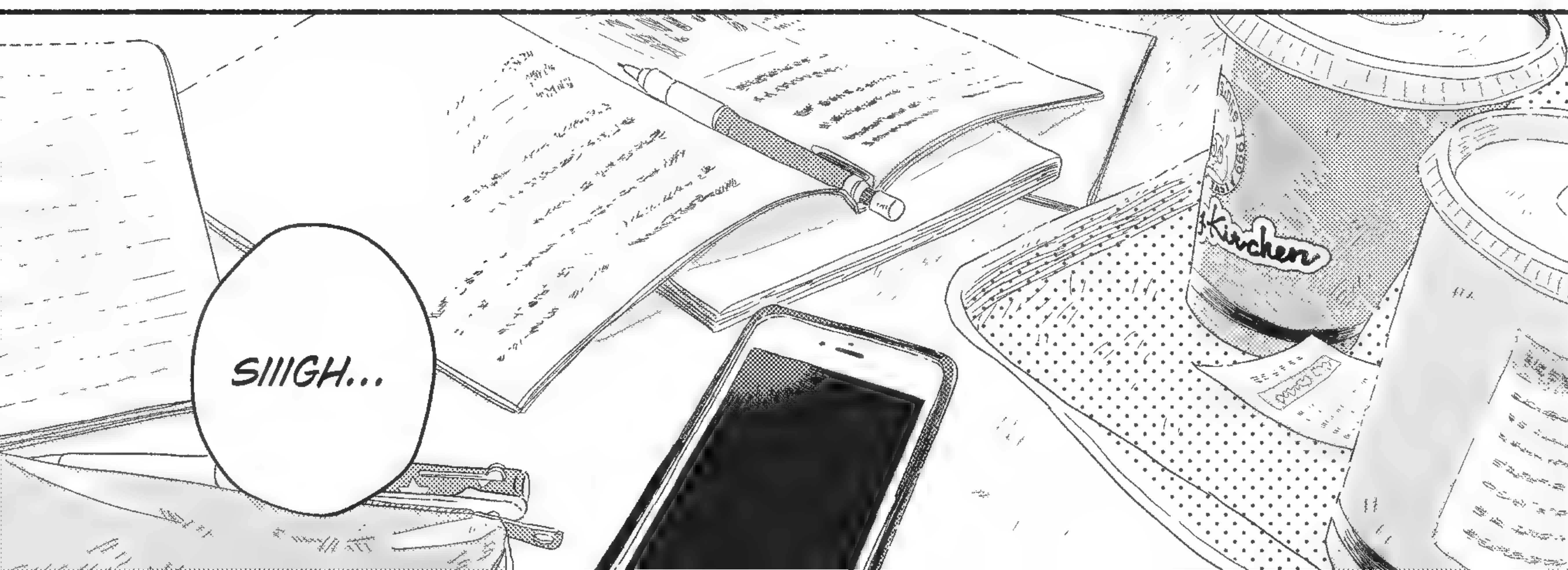
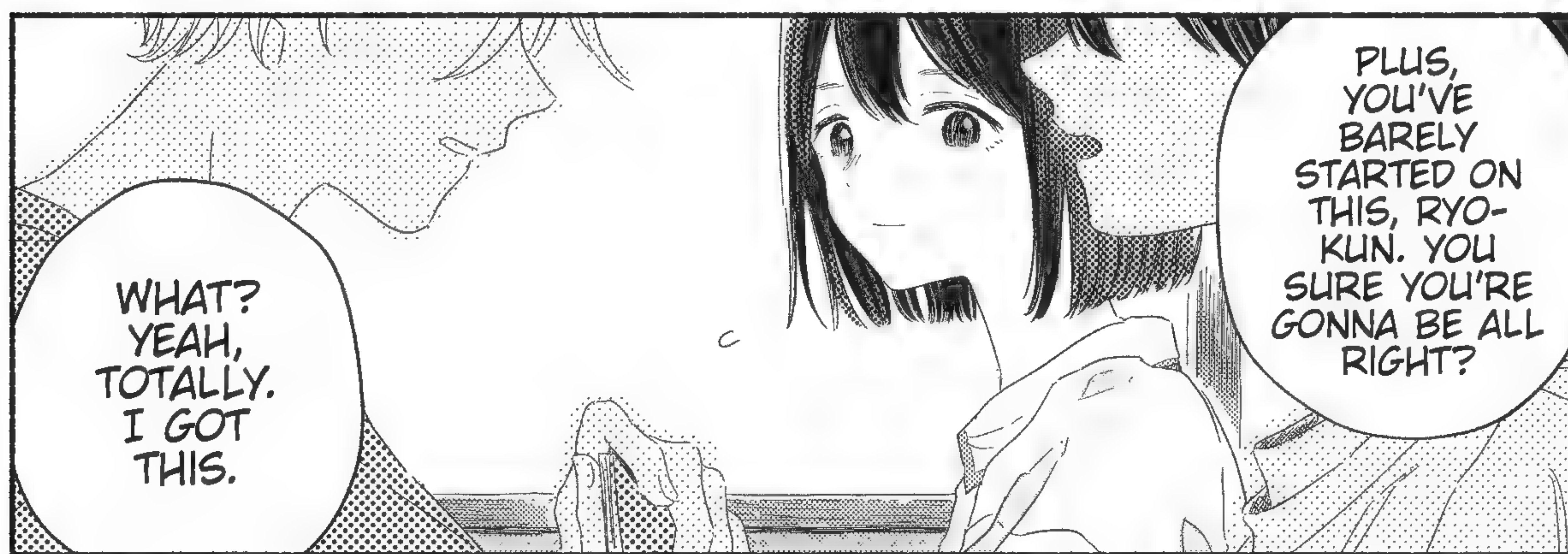
BUT
I GUESS
IT DIDN'T
APPEAR.

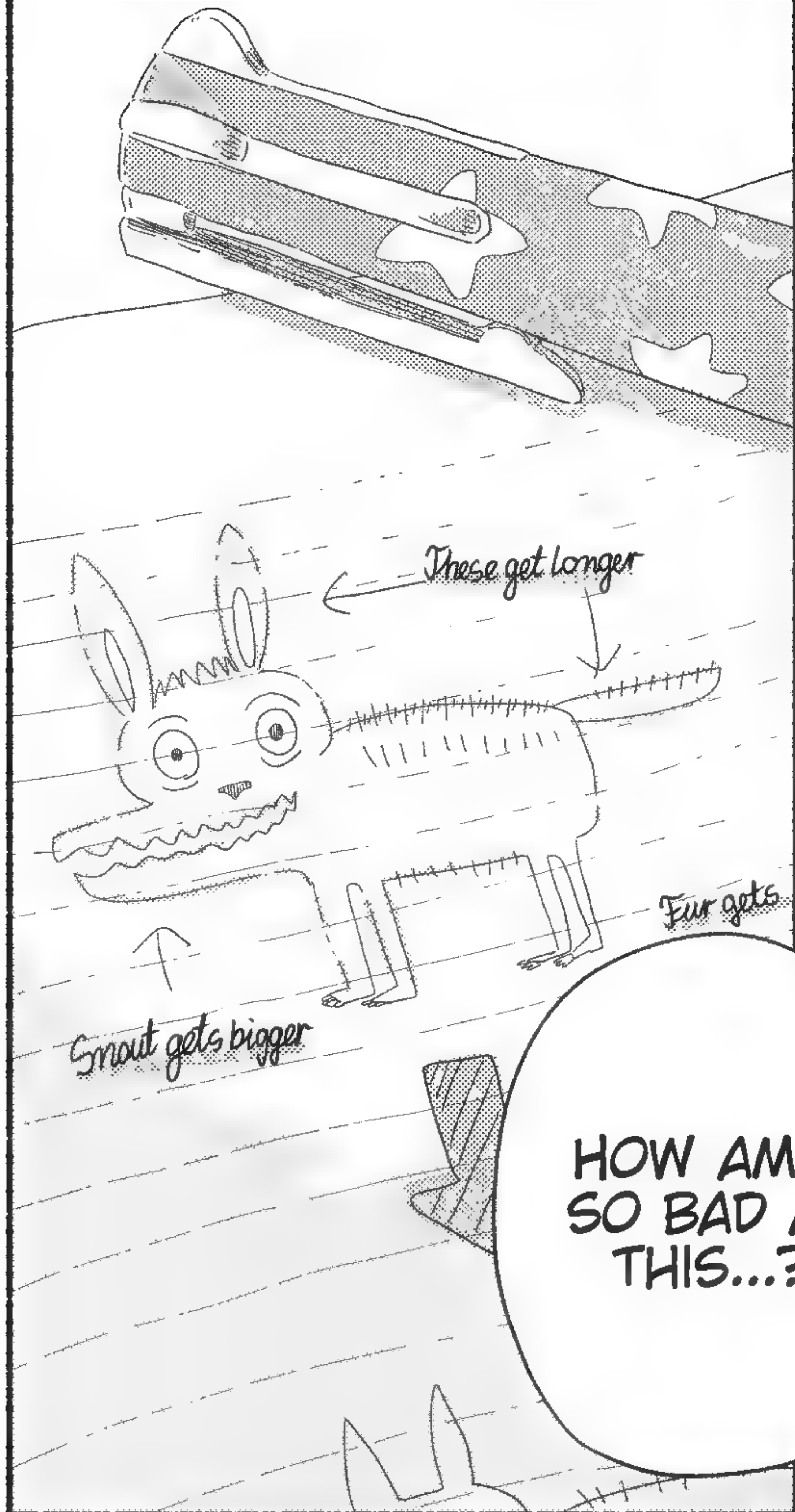


BUT
ANY-
WAY...

FROM WHAT
I HEARD,
THIS CHICK
STRAIGHT-UP
DIED ONLY
A FEW DAYS
AFTER
SEEING IT.







HOW AM I
SO BAD AT
THIS...?



GOD, IT'S SO
HORRIBLE...



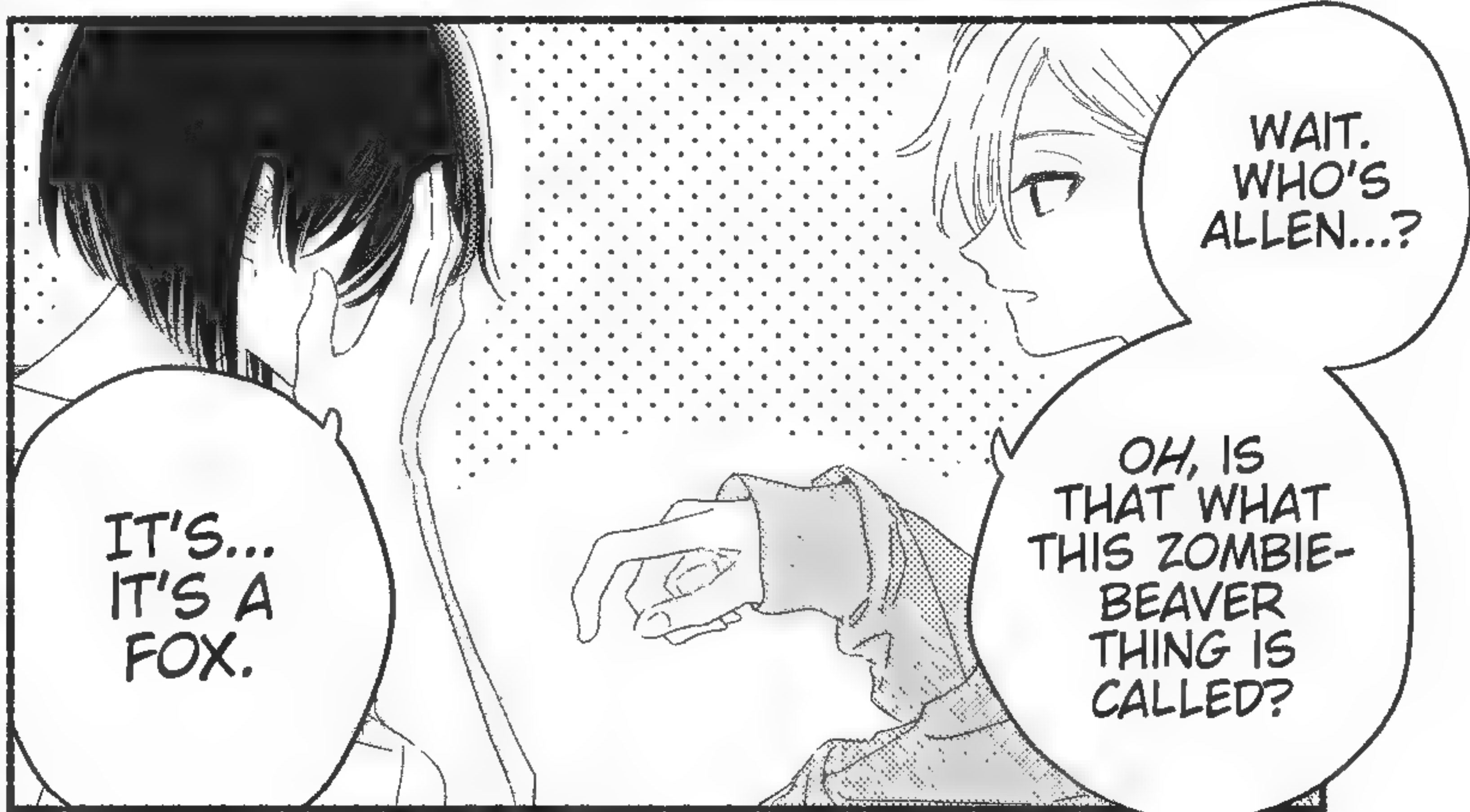
AW, COME
ON. I THINK
IT'S PRETTY
GOOD,
ACTUALLY.

DIDN'T YOUR
MOTHER EVER
TEACH YOU
NOT TO LIE,
TOMOYA?



IT'S
SUPPOSED
TO BE AN
ILLUSTRATION
OF ALLEN'S
RULE...

WHAT
EVEN IS
THIS?



IT'S...
IT'S A
FOX.

WAIT.
WHO'S
ALLEN...?

OH, IS
THAT WHAT
THIS ZOMBIE-
BEAVER
THING IS
CALLED?



ME, I PREFER ART WHERE IT'S IMMEDIATELY OBVIOUS THAT THE ARTIST POURED THEIR HEART INTO IT.

A LOT OF THE TIME, EVEN WHEN AN ARTIST HAS TECHNICAL SKILL, YOU CAN TELL...

WHEN THEY'RE PHONING IT IN FROM AN EMOTIONAL STANDPOINT.

I'M SERIOUS. YOU CAN REALLY FEEL THE AMOUNT OF EFFORT SHE PUT IN.

KA-SNAP!



HEY, UM... TOMOYAKUN?

DOESN'T ALL THIS STUDYING EVER WEAR YOU DOWN?

WOW... TH-THANKS...



MAYBE
I'M TOO
FOCUSED ON
THAT TO EVEN
THINK ABOUT
WHETHER
THE WORK
IS TAKING
A TOLL.



ARE YOU
SURE?



WELL, I
CAN'T SAY
I ENJOY
IT, BY ANY
MEANS.

BUT I'VE
GOTTA GET
INTO A GOOD
COLLEGE.



A LOT OF
PEOPLE SAY
THEY DON'T
MIND ENDURING
A LITTLE
HARDSHIP FOR
THE SAKE
OF THEIR
FUTURE...

BUT I ALWAYS
FOUND THAT
SENTIMENT
DIFFICULT TO
RELATE TO.

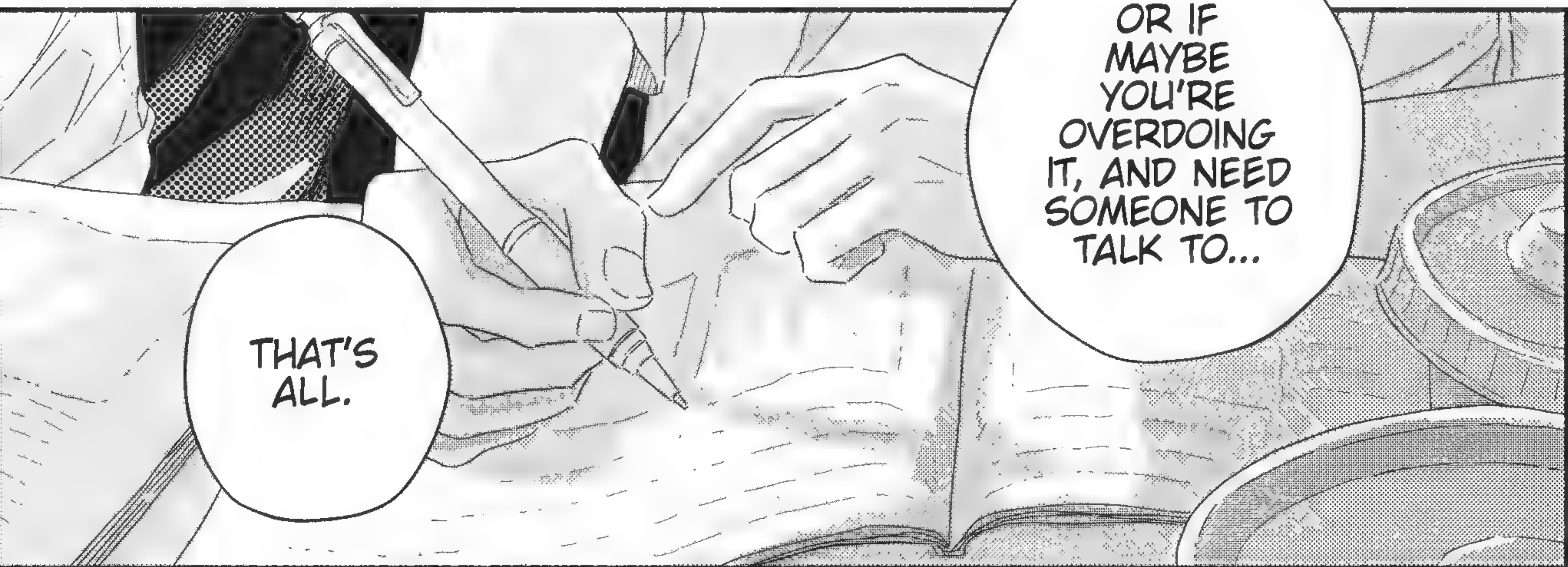


HUH?

ER... I
MEAN...

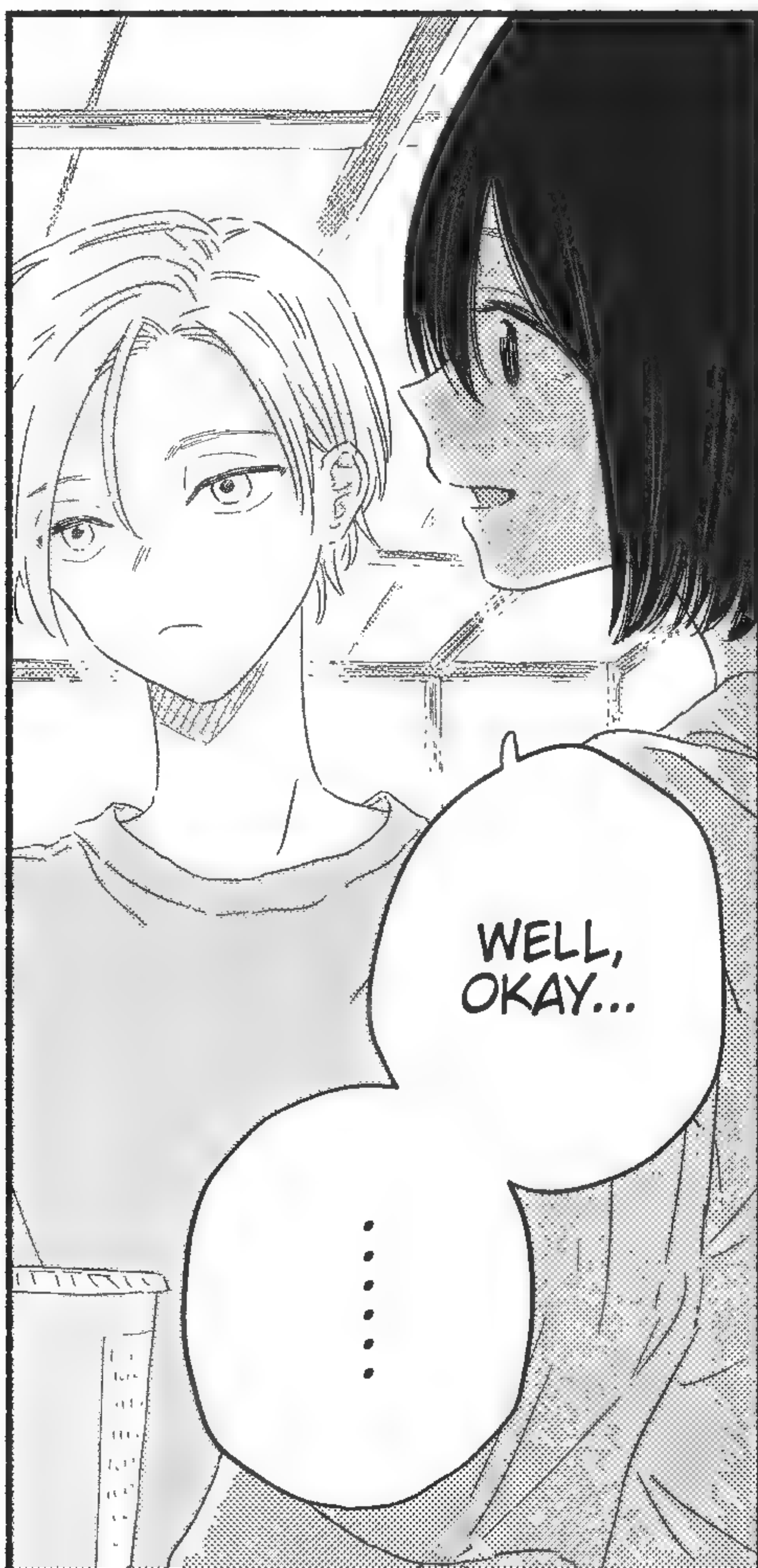


I WAS JUST
WONDERING
HOW YOU
MANAGE TO
WORK SO
HARD ALL
THE TIME...



THAT'S
ALL.

OR IF
MAYBE
YOU'RE
OVERDOING
IT, AND NEED
SOMEONE TO
TALK TO...



WELL,
OKAY...



NAH. I'M
DOING ALL
RIGHT...

BUT
THANKS. I
APPRECIATE
THE
CONCERN.



LIKE AN
ORDINARY
PERSON,
DIDN'T SHE?

SHE
REALLY DID
SEEM...



YEAH, I
GUESS IT
DOES.

S...

SO, HEY!
SPEAKING
OF
DRAWINGS!

THAT
INITIAL SKETCH
YOU DID OF THE
SUMMER GHOST
SURE LOOKS AN
AWFUL LOT LIKE
AYANE-SAN, EH?



I WOULDN'T
THINK ABOUT
IT TOO HARD
IF I WERE
YOU.

ONCE
YOU START
SYMPATHIZING
WITH GHOSTS,
THEY REALLY
START TO
HAUNT YA.



MAKES ME
WONDER IF
SHE'S EVEN
A GHOST AT
ALL...

THE MORE
TIME PASSES,
THE MORE
THAT WHOLE
NIGHT FEELS
LIKE A FEVER
DREAM.

...



SAYS HE APPEARS OVER BY THE STATION, AND HE'LL CHALLENGE YOU TO A RAP BATTLE WHILE KNEADING UDON DOUGH WITH HIS FEET.

BUT HEY-- THERE'S A NEW GHOST IN TOWN, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED. NAME'S "MC UDON."

BRO, THAT'S SKETCHY AS HELL!



I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, THOUGH.

SHE WAS WEIRDLY NORMAL...TO THE POINT THAT I HONESTLY HADN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT UNTIL YOU MENTIONED IT JUST NOW.

A BUMMER, REALLY. WAS REALLY HOPING FOR SOMETHING A BIT MORE SUPERNATURAL, Y'KNOW?



REALLY?! SO THEN...

LM... DO YOU THINK MAYBE WE COULD DO THIS AGAIN SOMETIME?

LIKE A LITTLE STUDY GROUP! AT LEAST UNTIL I FINISH MY HOMEWORK!

KIND OF NICE STUDYING WITH FRIENDS FOR A CHANGE.

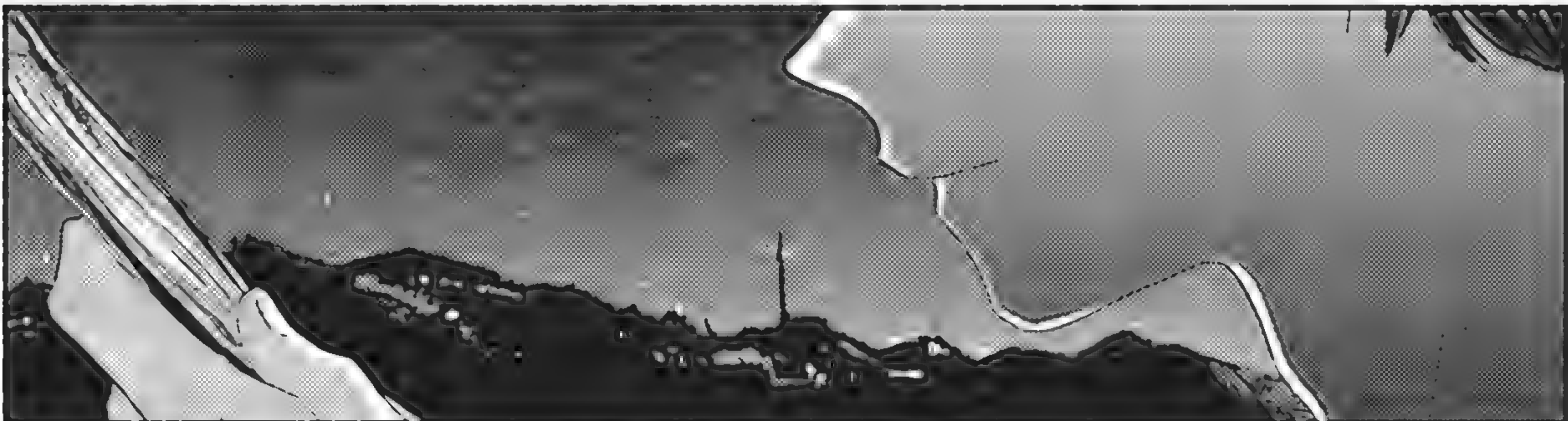
PLUS, I MANAGED TO GET SOME OF MY OWN WORK DONE.

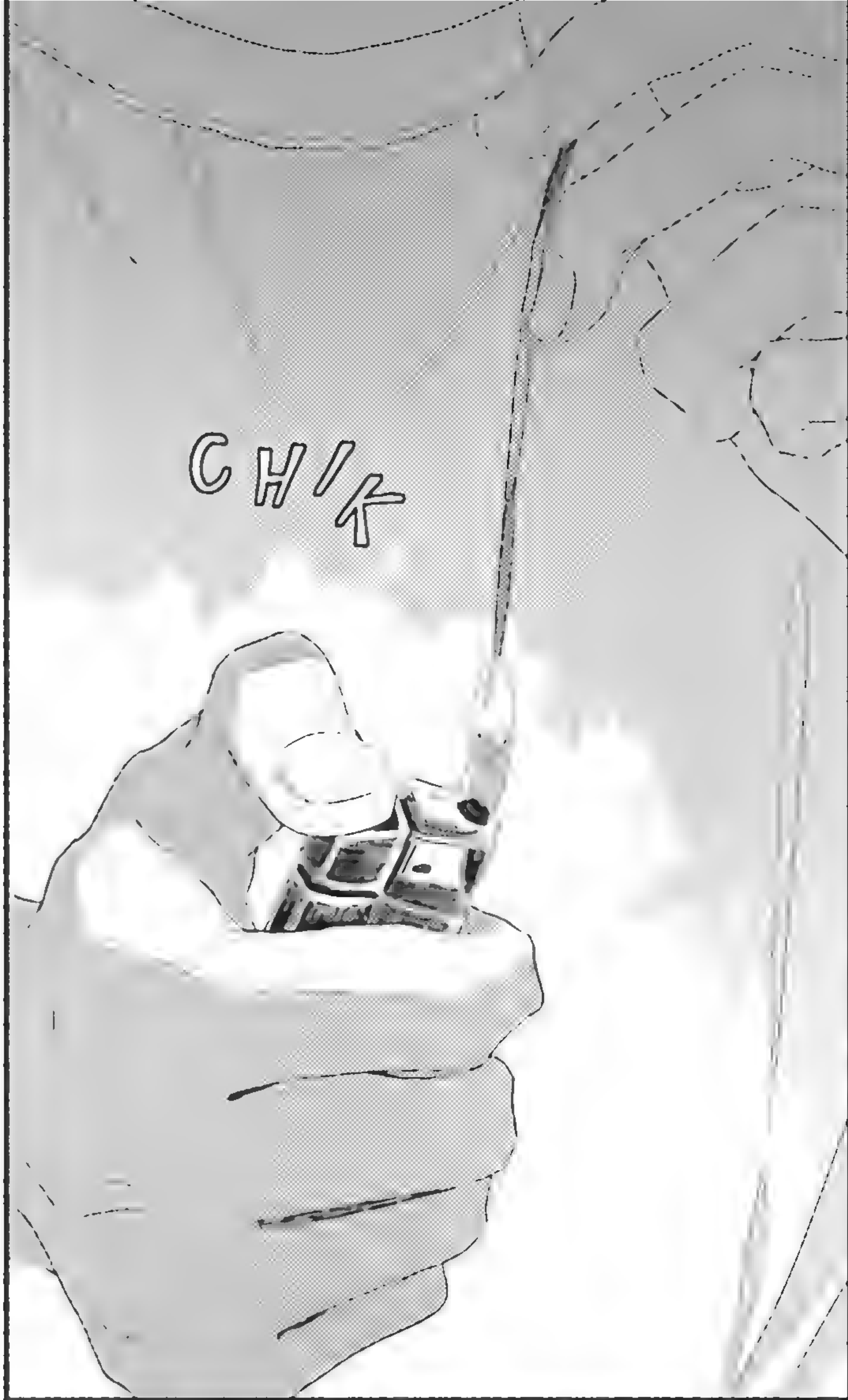


THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP TODAY.

HEY, DON'T MENTION IT. HAPPY TO HELP OUT.









YOU
SHOULDN'T
TAKE THE DEAD
SO LIGHTLY,
YOU KNOW...

YOU MIGHT
JUST END
UP UNDER
A CURSE.



CHAPTER 4





AND EVIL SPIRITS LOVE TO PREY UPON PEOPLE WHO ARE LOST, DESPERATE, AND ALONE.



IT'S DANGEROUS TO GO AROUND SUMMONING PHANTOMS FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE.

I MEAN, I COULD BE AN EVIL SPIRIT FOR ALL YOU KNOW.



THEY'RE THE ONES WHO LIKE TO MEDDLE WITH OUIJA BOARDS AND WHATNOT.

DO I...

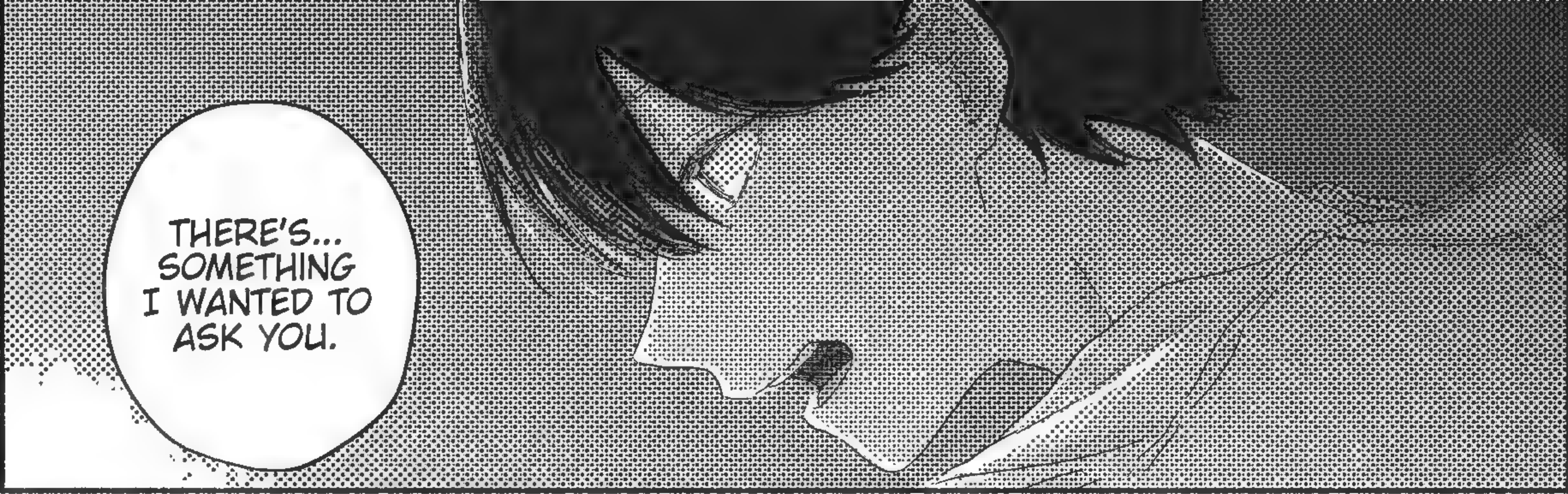


WELL, MAYBE A LITTLE...

I DON'T THINK A DESIRE TO COMMUNE WITH THE DEAD IS THE PRODUCT OF A HEALTHY MIND, AT LEAST.



DO I REALLY SEEM THAT DESPERATE TO YOU, AYANE-SAN?



THERE'S...
SOMETHING
I WANTED TO
ASK YOU.

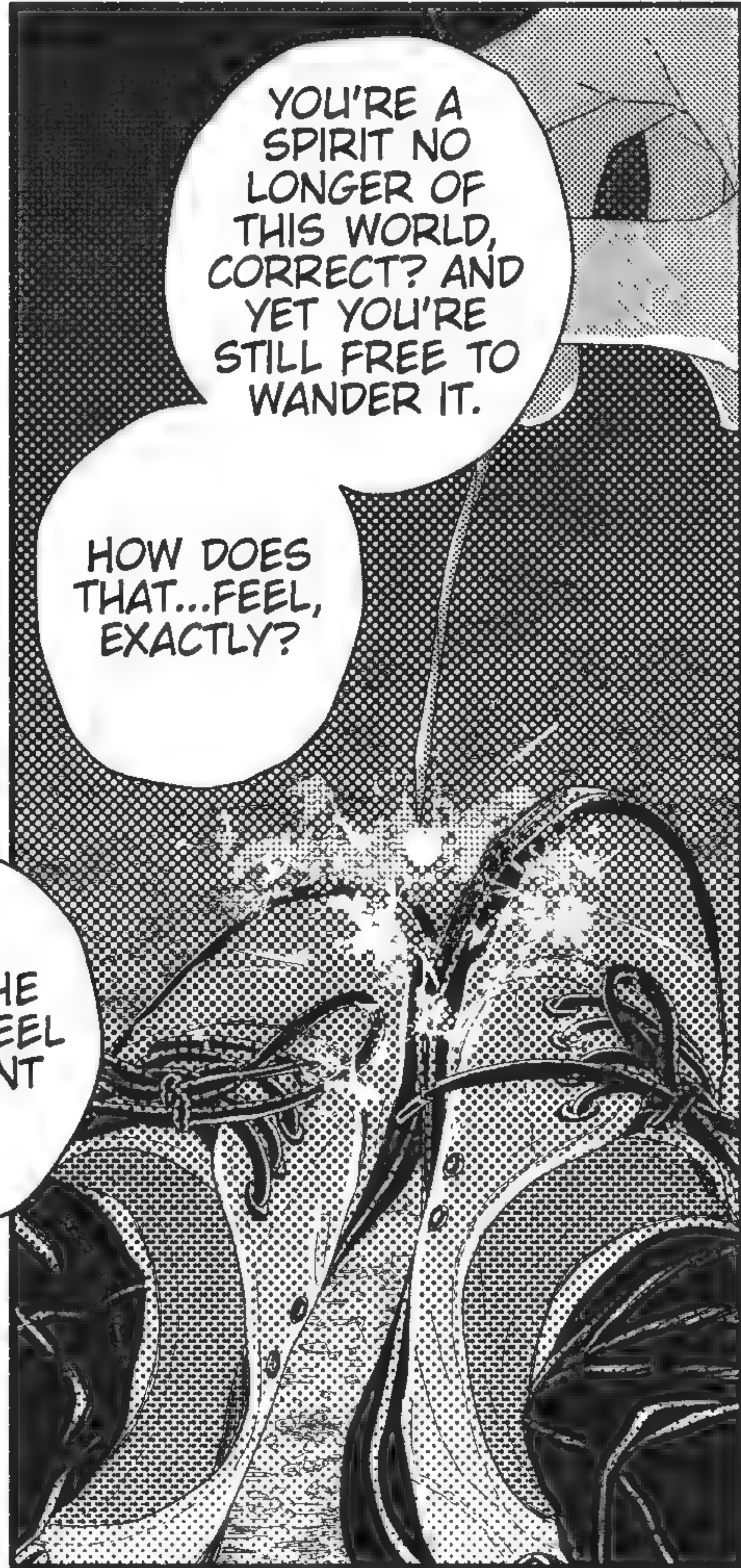


WELL...
WHAT DO
YOU THINK?



LIKE,
DOES THE
WORLD FEEL
DIFFERENT
NOW...

COMPARED
TO WHEN
YOU WERE
ALIVE?



YOU'RE A
SPIRIT NO
LONGER OF
THIS WORLD,
CORRECT? AND
YET YOU'RE
STILL FREE TO
WANDER IT.

HOW DOES
THAT...FEEL,
EXACTLY?



BUT I'M
PRETTY SURE
IT WOULDN'T
CHANGE A
THING.

NOT IN THE
LONG RUN,
ANYWAY.

WELL, I
THINK A LOT
ABOUT STUFF
LIKE, IF I
WERE TO DIE
TODAY...

WHAT WOULD
THAT MEAN FOR
THE PEOPLE
AROUND ME?
WHAT EFFECT
MIGHT IT HAVE
ON THEIR
LIVES?



SURE,
MAYBE MY
MOTHER
WOULD
SHED A FEW
TEARS.

BUT ONLY
BECAUSE
SHE'D SEE IT AS
SOME FAILURE ON
HER PART AS
A PARENT.

SHE
WOULDN'T BE
CRYING FOR
ME. ONLY
HERSELF.



NO ONE
ACTUALLY
CARES IF I
LIVE OR DIE.
THEY'D HARDLY
NOTICE IF I
WERE GONE.

SO, IF
IT'S ALL
THE SAME
THEN...

WHY
BOTHR
STAYING
ALIVE AT
ALL?



WELL
THEN...

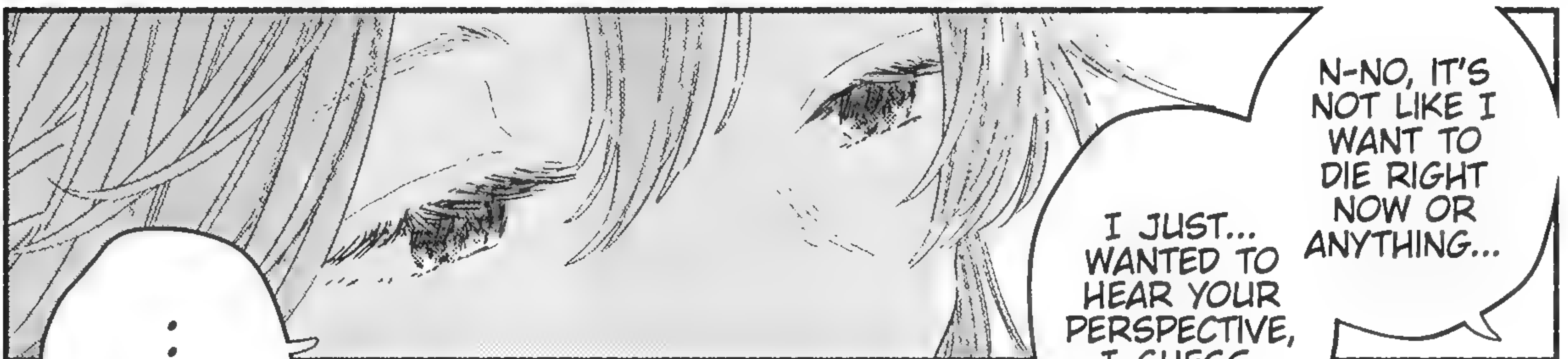
WHY NOT
SEE FOR
YOURSELF?



HUH...?



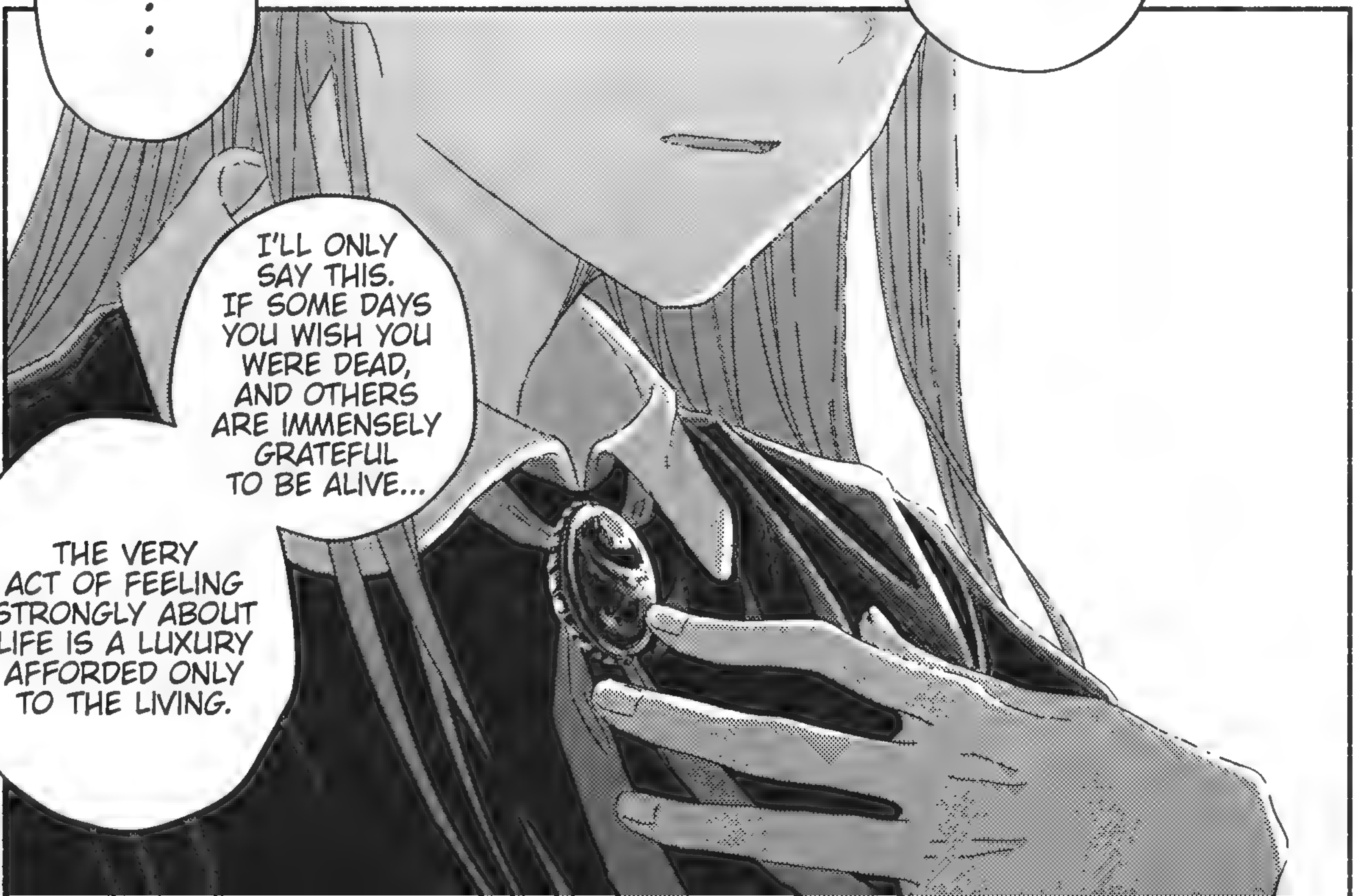
YOU COULD
BE A GHOST
LIKE ME.



N-NO, IT'S
NOT LIKE I
WANT TO
DIE RIGHT
NOW OR
ANYTHING...

I JUST...
WANTED TO
HEAR YOUR
PERSPECTIVE,
I GUESS.

...



I'LL ONLY
SAY THIS.
IF SOME DAYS
YOU WISH YOU
WERE DEAD,
AND OTHERS
ARE IMMENSELY
GRATEFUL
TO BE ALIVE...

THE VERY
ACT OF FEELING
STRONGLY ABOUT
LIFE IS A LUXURY
AFFORDED ONLY
TO THE LIVING.



ONCE THAT SHIP HAS SAILED, THERE'S NO GOING BACK. THERE ARE THINGS YOU CAN ONLY DO AMONGST THE LIVING. I SUGGEST YOU ENJOY THEM WHILE YOU STILL CAN.



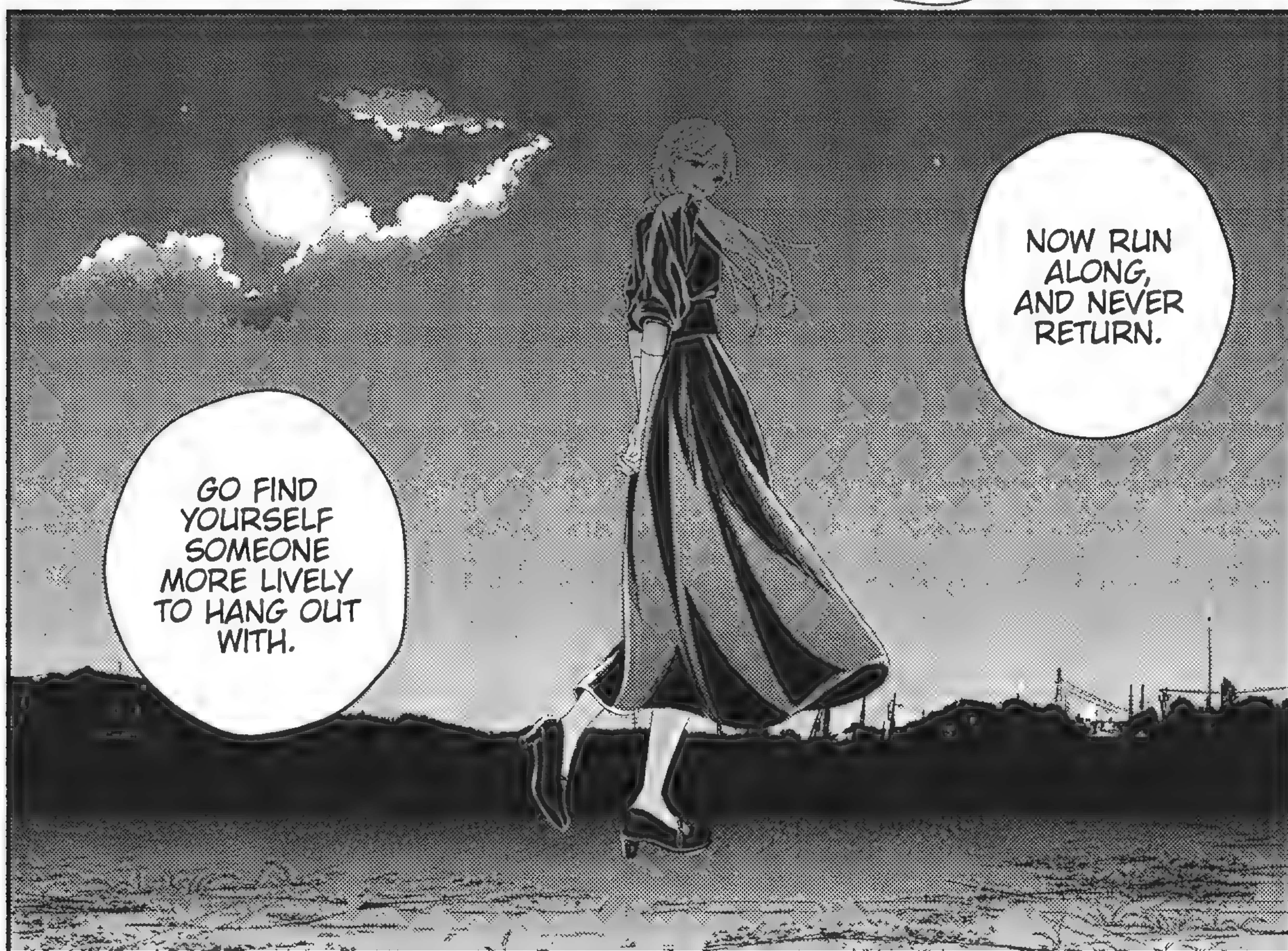
WE GHOSTS DON'T REALLY THINK IN EXISTENTIAL TERMS ANYMORE.

WE'RE JUST DEAD NOW. THAT'S IT.



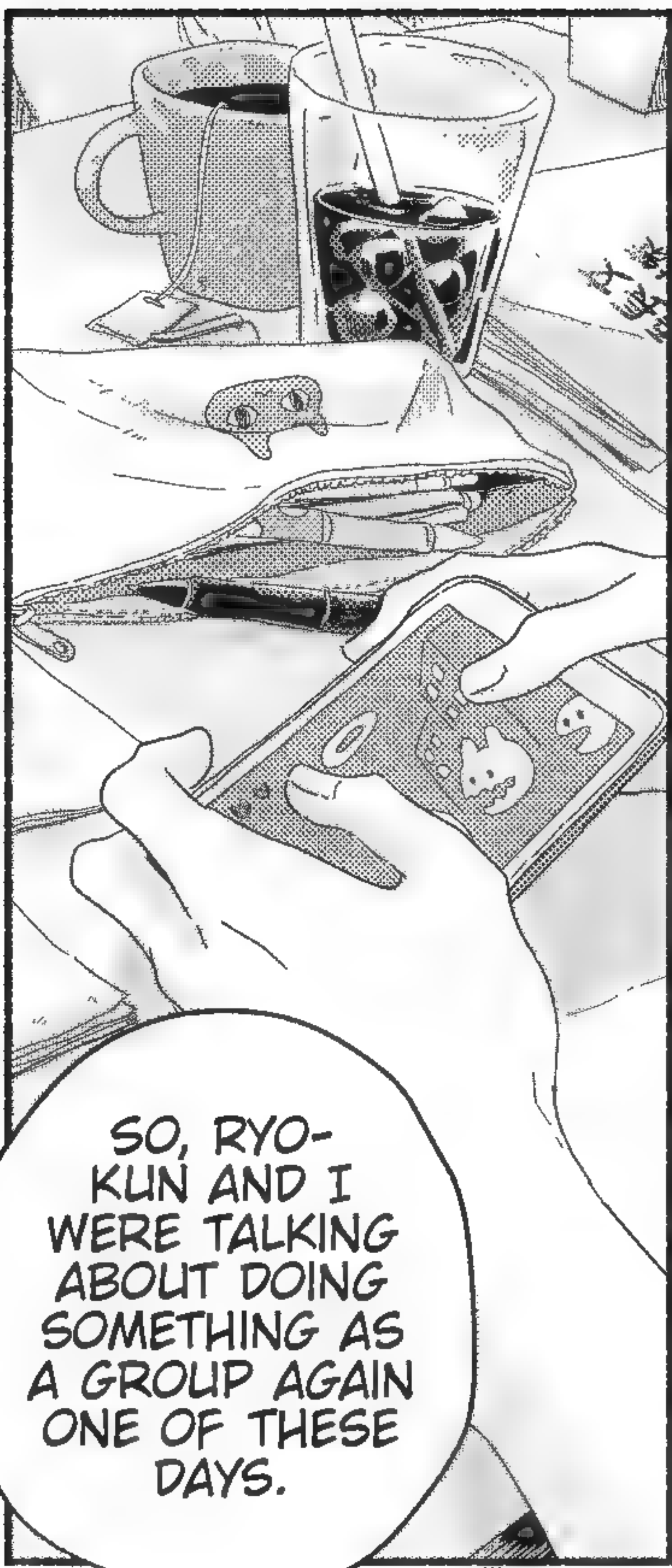
KIDS YOUR AGE... SO QUICK TO WRITE OFF THE WHOLE WORLD, I SWEAR.

AND WHAT IF THERE'S NOTHING I ENJOY?

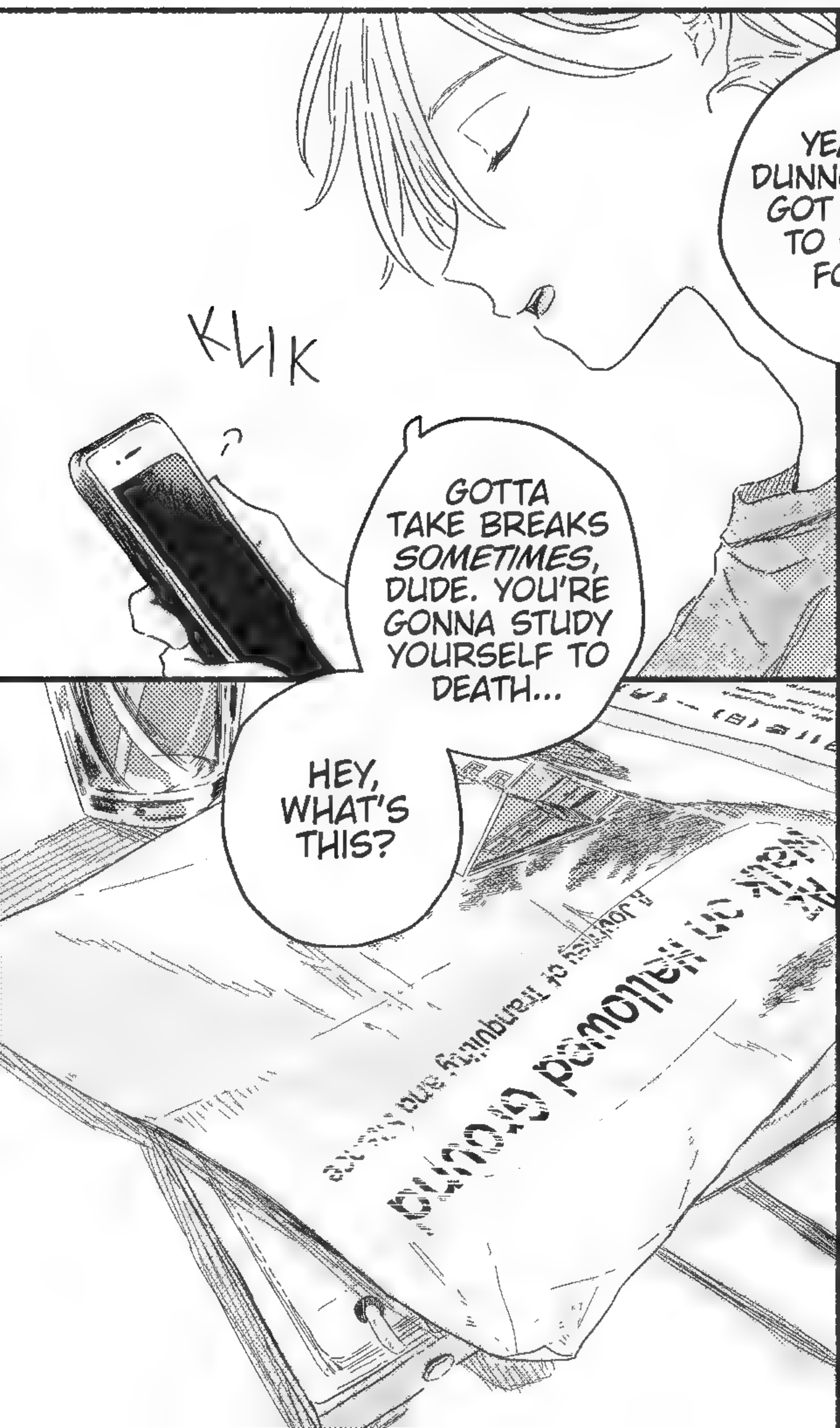


GO FIND YOURSELF SOMEONE MORE LIVELY TO HANG OUT WITH.

NOW RUN ALONG, AND NEVER RETURN.



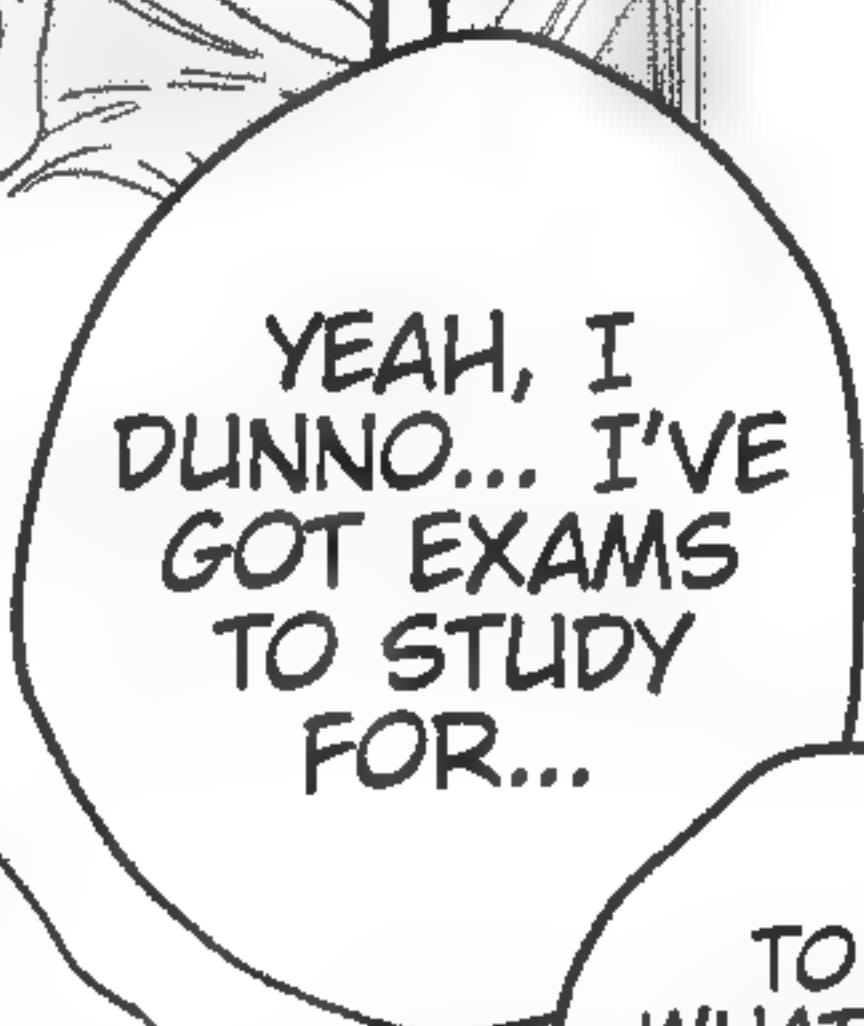
SO, RYO-KUN AND I WERE TALKING ABOUT DOING SOMETHING AS A GROUP AGAIN ONE OF THESE DAYS.



KLIK

GOTTA TAKE BREAKS SOMETIMES, DUDE. YOU'RE GONNA STUDY YOURSELF TO DEATH...

HEY, WHAT'S THIS?



YEAH, I DUNNO... I'VE GOT EXAMS TO STUDY FOR...



TO DO WHAT? SEE A BUNCHA LAME OLD FISH?

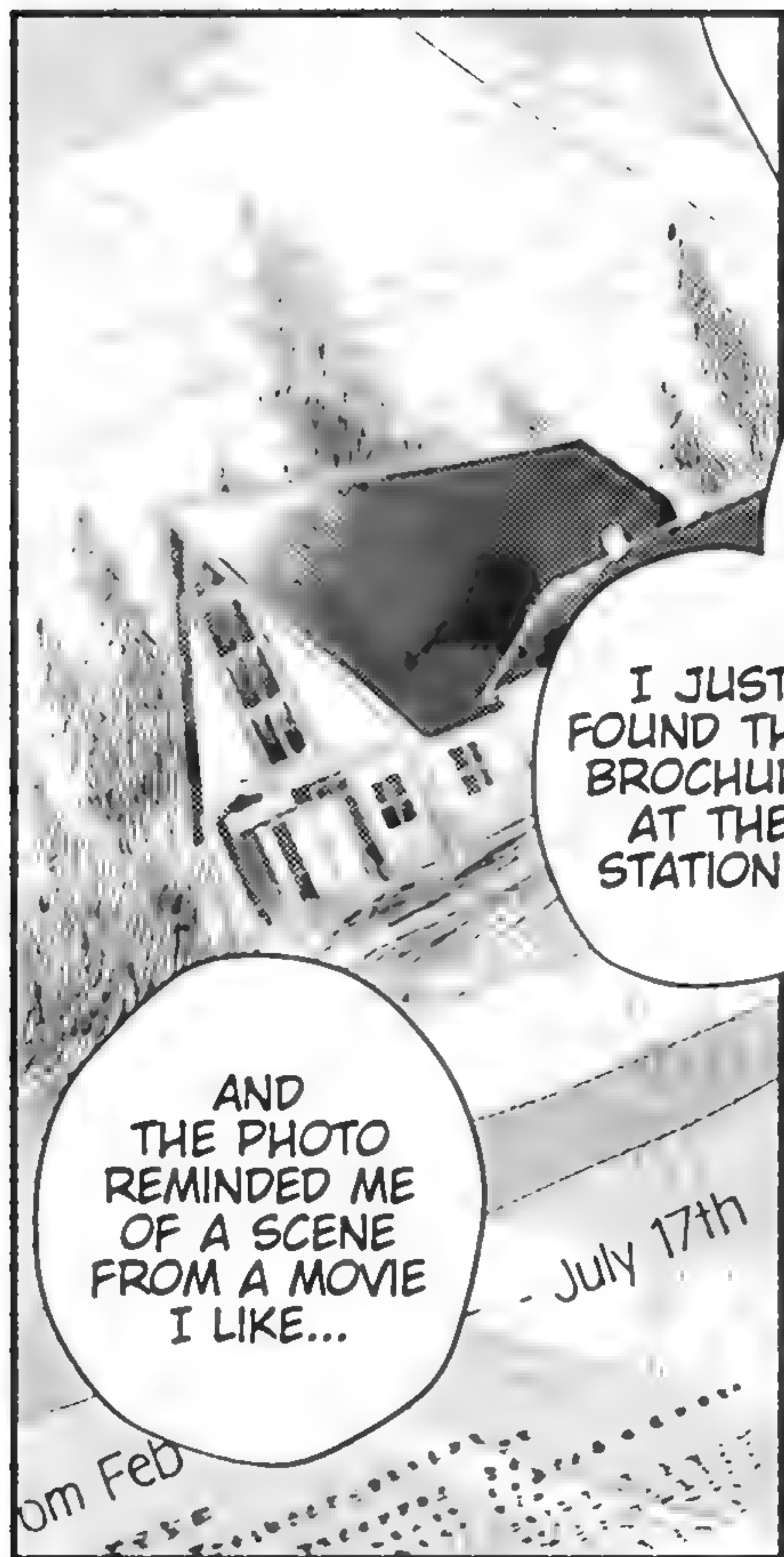


WELL...I THOUGHT GOING TO THE AQUARIUM MIGHT BE KINDA FUN...



LIKE WHAT?





AND THE PHOTO REMINDED ME OF A SCENE FROM A MOVIE I LIKE...

I JUST FOUND THAT BROCHURE AT THE STATION...

NO, NO.

YOU GOIN' ON A TRIP SOON OR SOMETHIN'?

OH, THAT?
UH...



THE PLOT NEVER MADE MUCH SENSE TO ME, HONESTLY, BUT THE SCENE WAS SO GORGEOUS, I'LL NEVER FORGET IT.

AT AN OLD CHURCH IN THE MIDDLE OF A THICK FOREST, DEEP IN FOG...



I REMEMBER THINKING, "WOW. IF I COULD DIE INSIDE THIS MOVIE, I'D ALMOST BE CONTENT."



THEN
MORNING
COMES LIKE
ALWAYS,
AND SURE
ENOUGH, I'M
STILL ALIVE.

WHENEVER I
CAN'T SLEEP
AT NIGHT, I'LL
JUST PUT THAT
MOVIE ON UNTIL
I PASS OUT...

ALWAYS
THINKING, AS I
DRIFT OFF, THAT
IF I SHOULD DIE
BEFORE I WAKE,
IT MIGHT NOT
BE HALF BAD.



DUDE...
WHO
THE HELL
THINKS LIKE
THAT?

WHAT...?
YOU NEVER
GET THAT?

I THINK
I KINDA
KNOW
WHAT SHE
MEANS.

FOR
REAL?



...



BUT YEAH, IF I
COULD CHOOSE
WHERE TO DIE,
IT'D DEFINITELY
BE HERE.

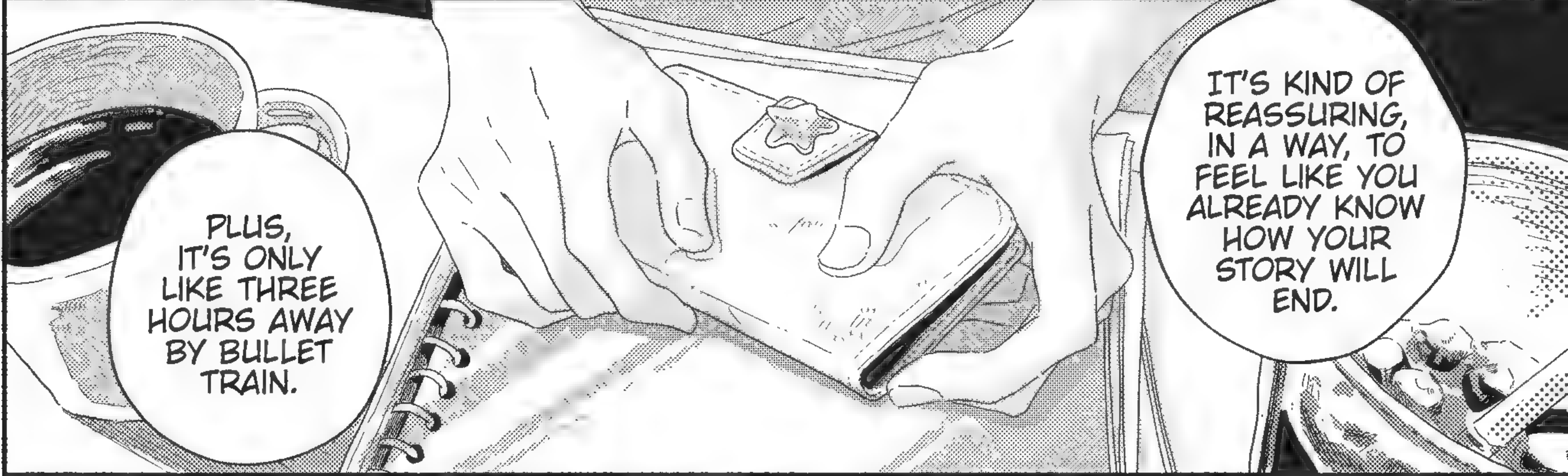


I'LL ALWAYS HAVE THAT LANDMARK, THAT GUIDING LIGHT TO KEEP MOVING TOWARD.

LIKE, IF I EVER FIND MYSELF COMPLETELY LOST IN LIFE, WITH NO CLUE WHAT TO DO OR WHERE TO GO NEXT...IT'LL BE KIND OF LIKE A LIGHTHOUSE FOR ME.

OH...
BUT I DON'T MEAN THAT IN A MORBID WAY OR ANYTHING!

IT'S MORE LIKE...A FINAL DESTINATION TO HOLD ON TO, I GUESS?



PLUS, IT'S ONLY LIKE THREE HOURS AWAY BY BULLET TRAIN.

IT'S KIND OF REASSURING, IN A WAY, TO FEEL LIKE YOU ALREADY KNOW HOW YOUR STORY WILL END.



I WAS LITERALLY JUST THINKING THE SAME THING.

KINDA WANNA GO FEED SOME PENGUINS.



I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY OTHER DREAMS OR ASPIRATIONS...

SO IT'S NICE TO HAVE THAT, AT LEAST.



HMMM...
WAIT.



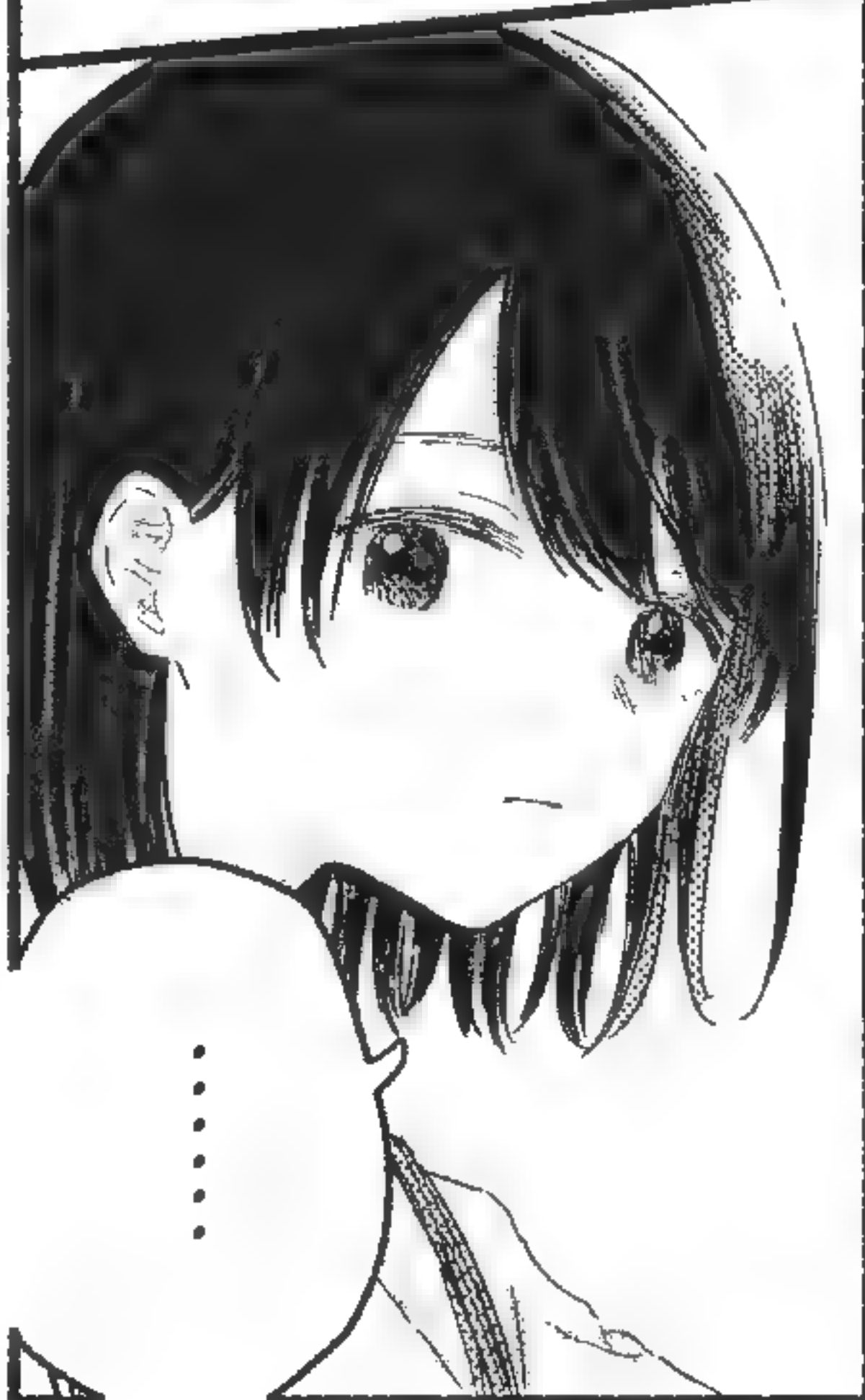


LIKE
GOING
TO THE
AQUARIUM!
CAN'T WAIT!

YEAH,
YOU'RE
RIGHT.



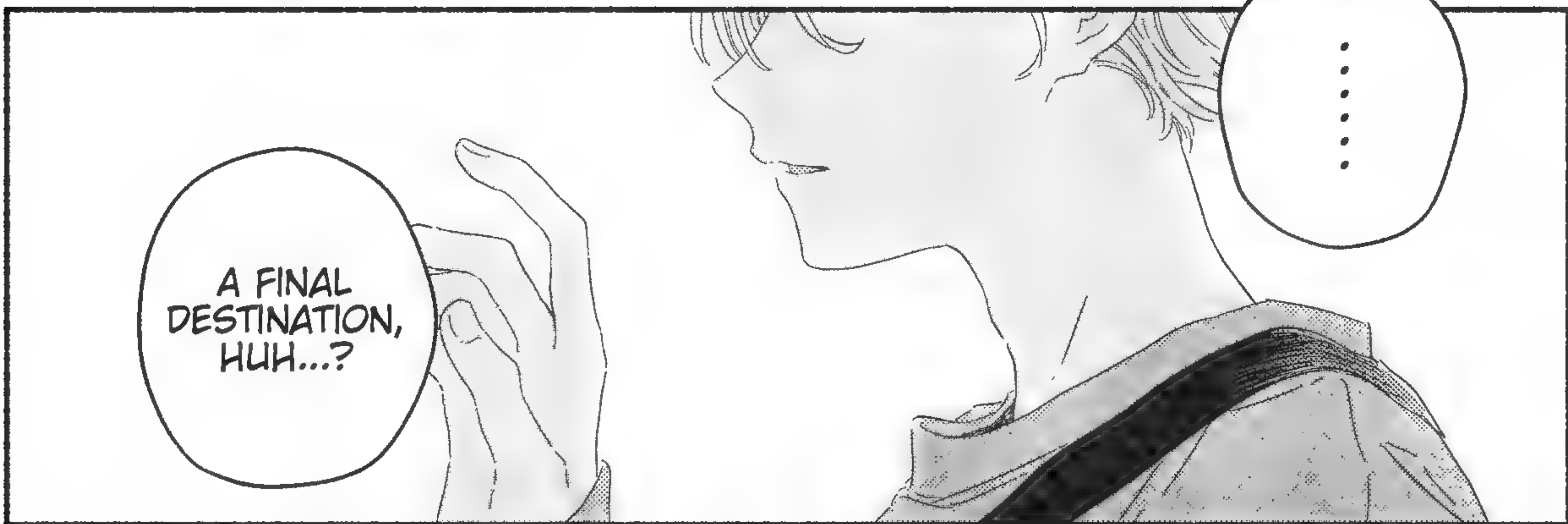
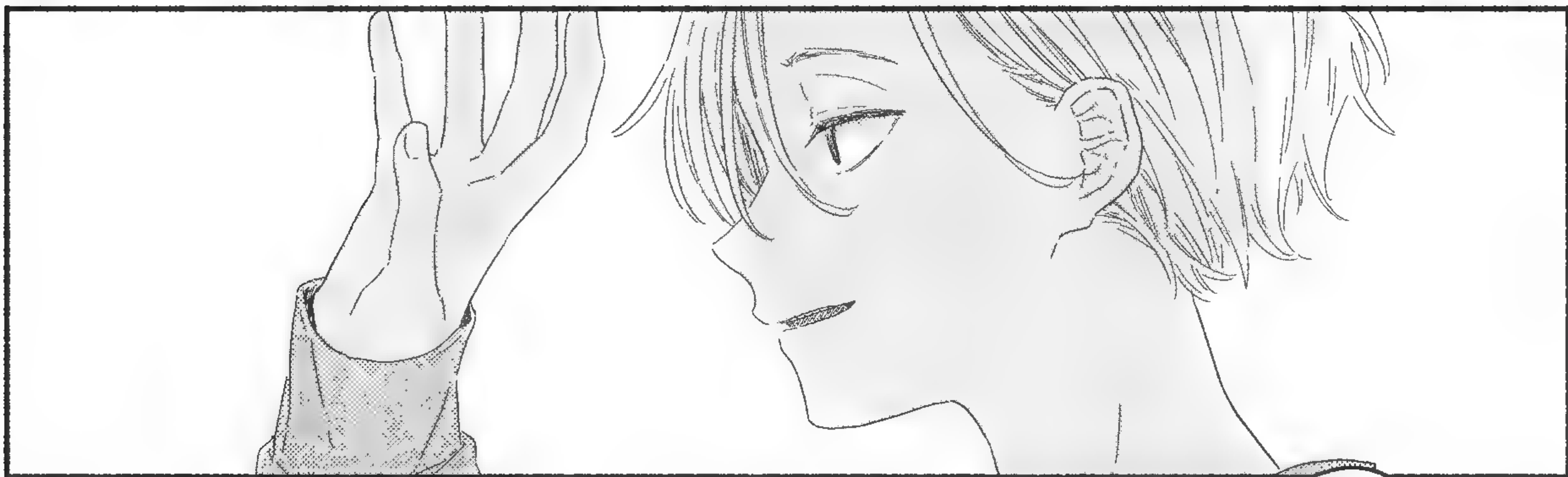
JUST LIVE
IN THE NOW,
AND YOU'LL
FIND STUFF
TO LOOK
FORWARD
TO SOON
ENOUGH.



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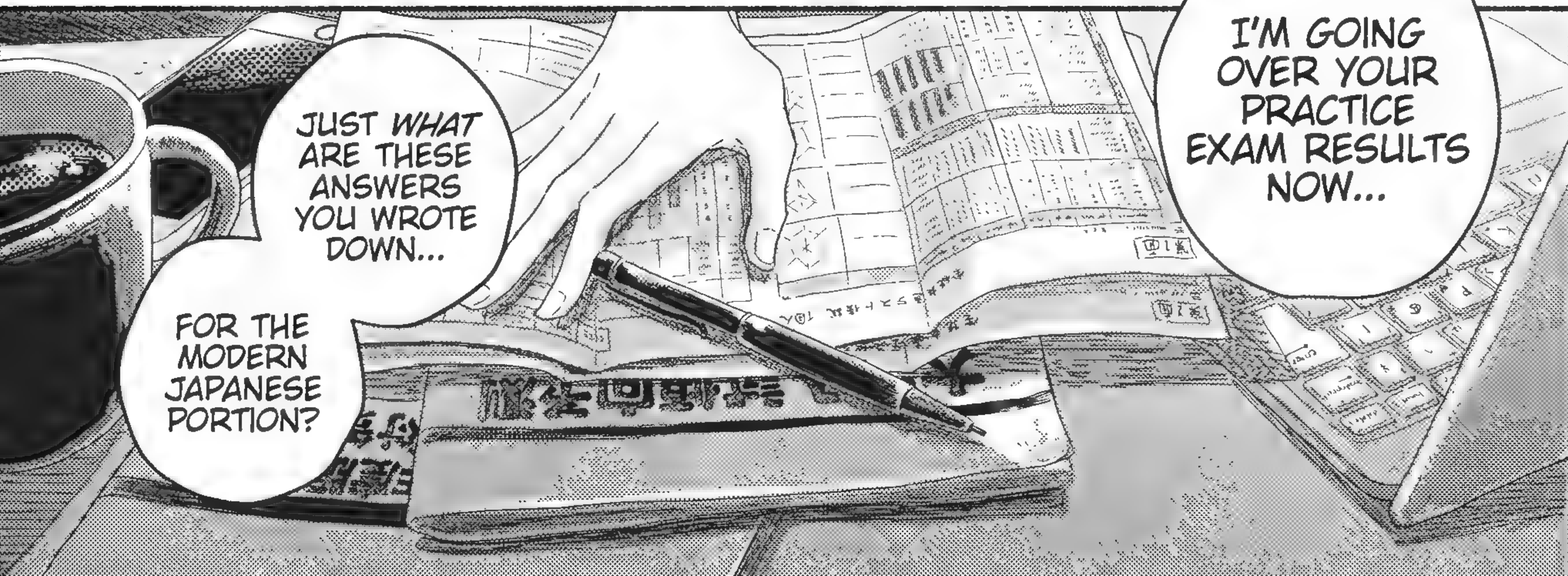


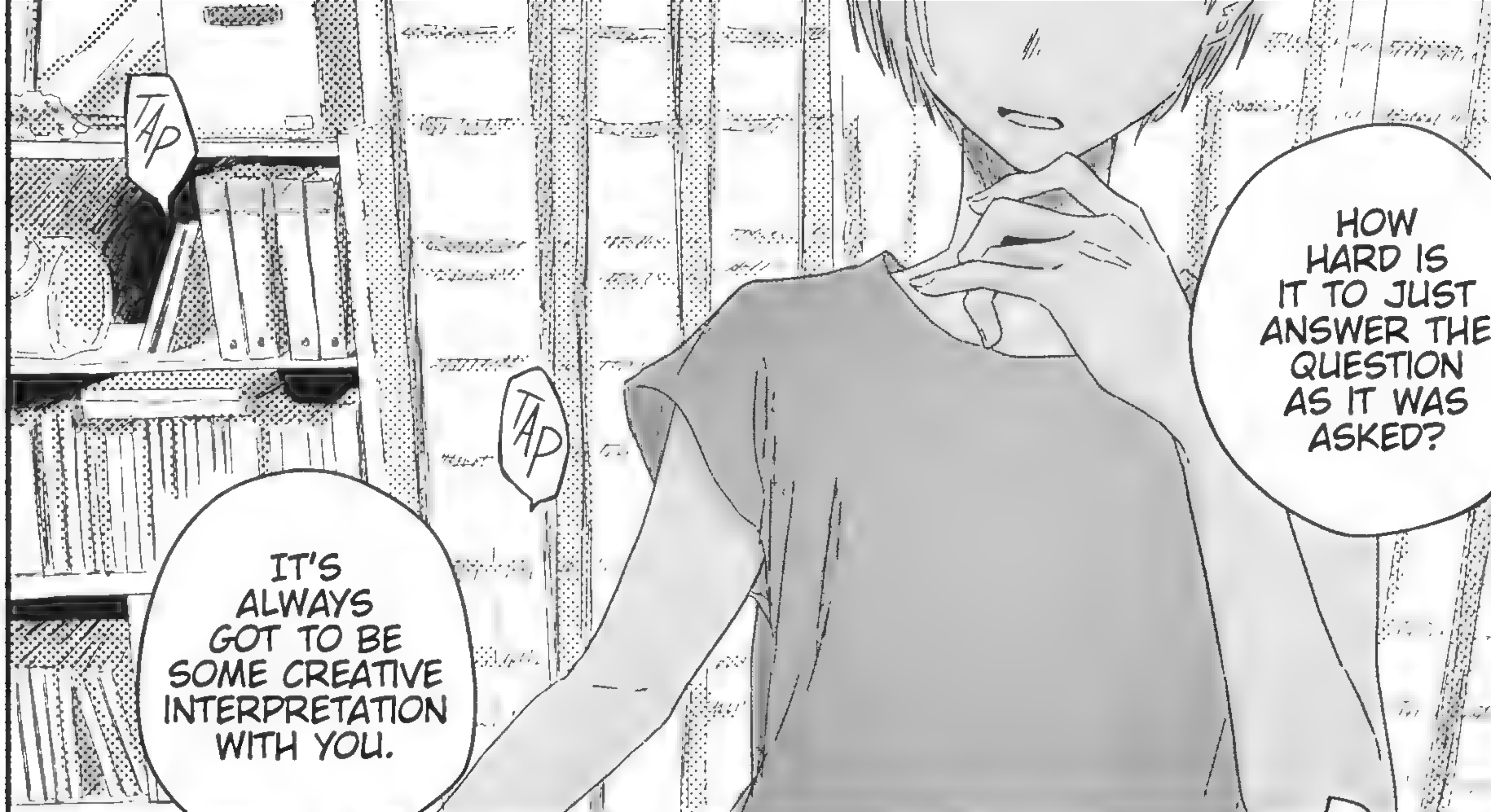
TRY NOT TO
WORRY TOO
MUCH ABOUT
WHERE YOU'LL
END UP IN THE
LONG RUN,
YEAH?



A FINAL
DESTINATION,
HUH...?

...



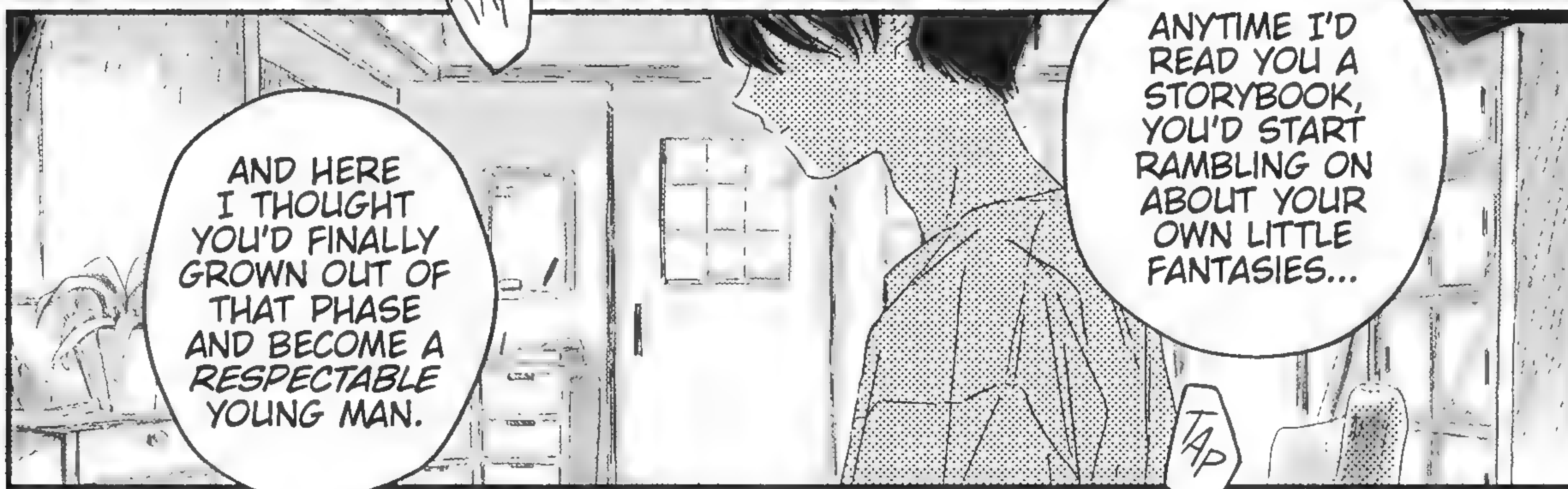


IT'S
ALWAYS
GOT TO BE
SOME CREATIVE
INTERPRETATION
WITH YOU.

HOW
HARD IS
IT TO JUST
ANSWER THE
QUESTION
AS IT WAS
ASKED?



I SWEAR,
YOU'VE ALWAYS
BEEN LIKE
THIS... EVER
SINCE YOU
WERE A BOY.

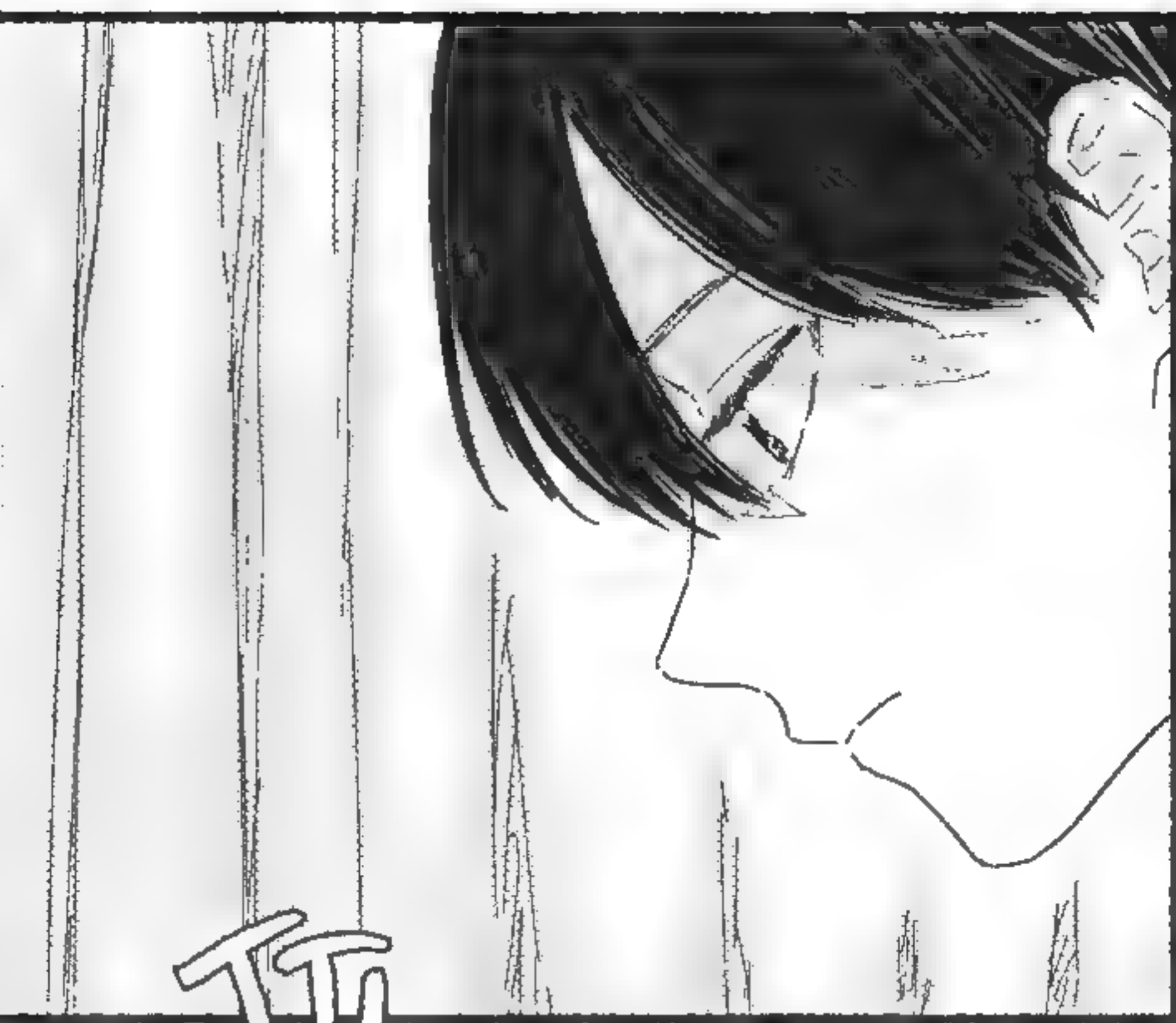


AND HERE
I THOUGHT
YOU'D FINALLY
GROWN OUT OF
THAT PHASE
AND BECOME A
RESPECTABLE
YOUNG MAN.

ANYTIME I'D
READ YOU A
STORYBOOK,
YOU'D START
RAMBLING ON
ABOUT YOUR
OWN LITTLE
FANTASIES...



WHY MUST
YOU ALWAYS
MAKE THINGS
SO DIFFICULT
FOR ME?





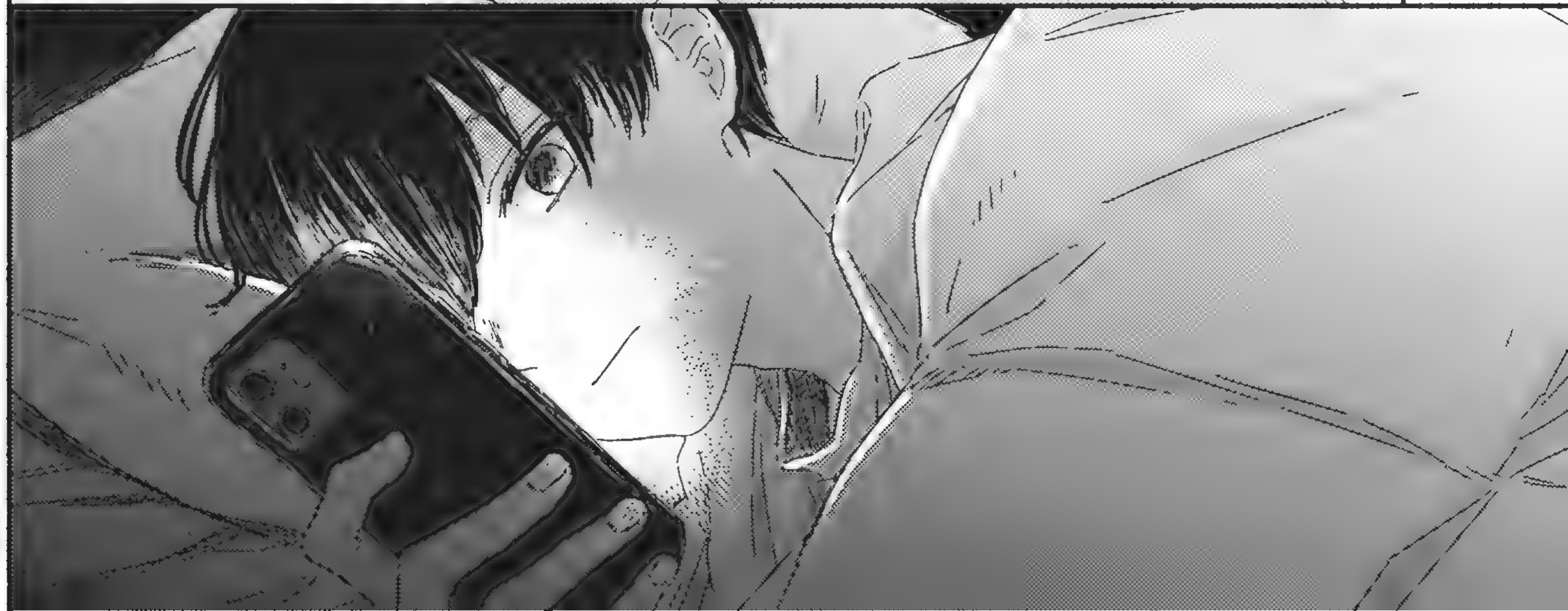
OH, YES... I
WENT AHEAD
AND GOT
RID OF THAT
JUNK FOR
YOU.

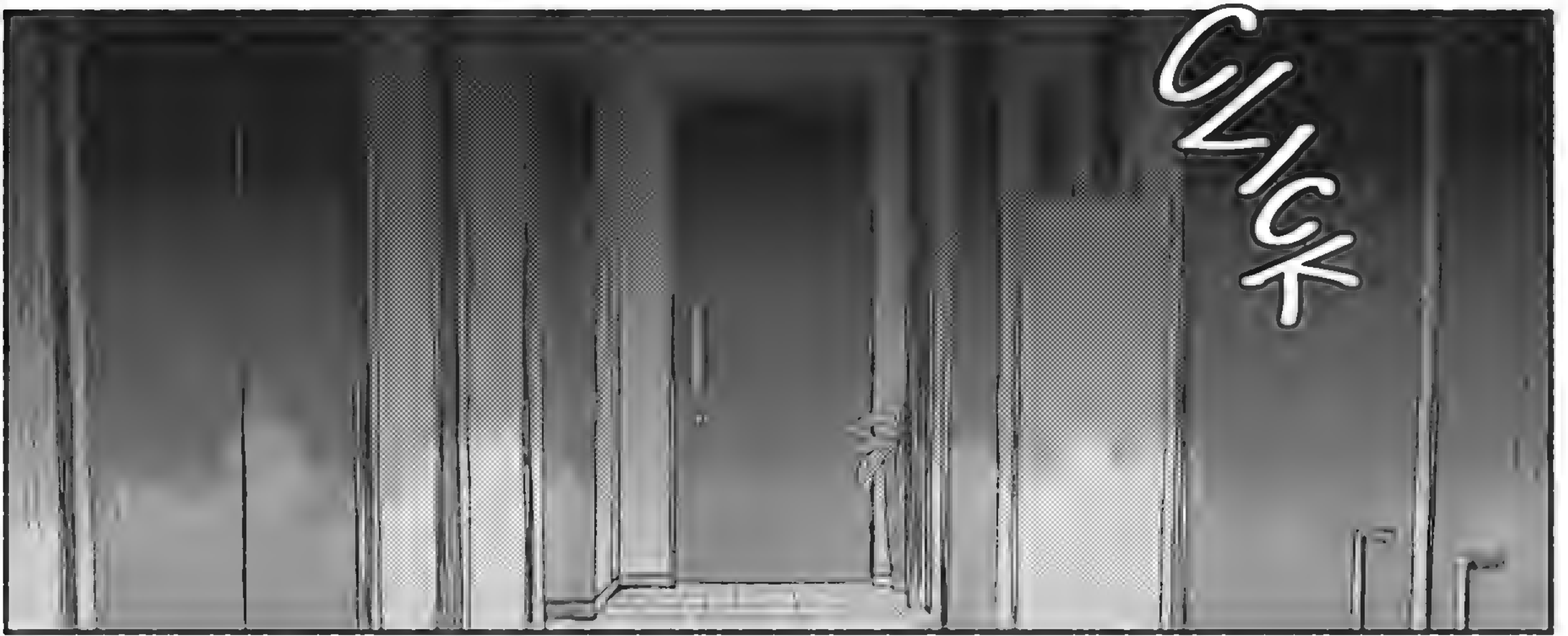
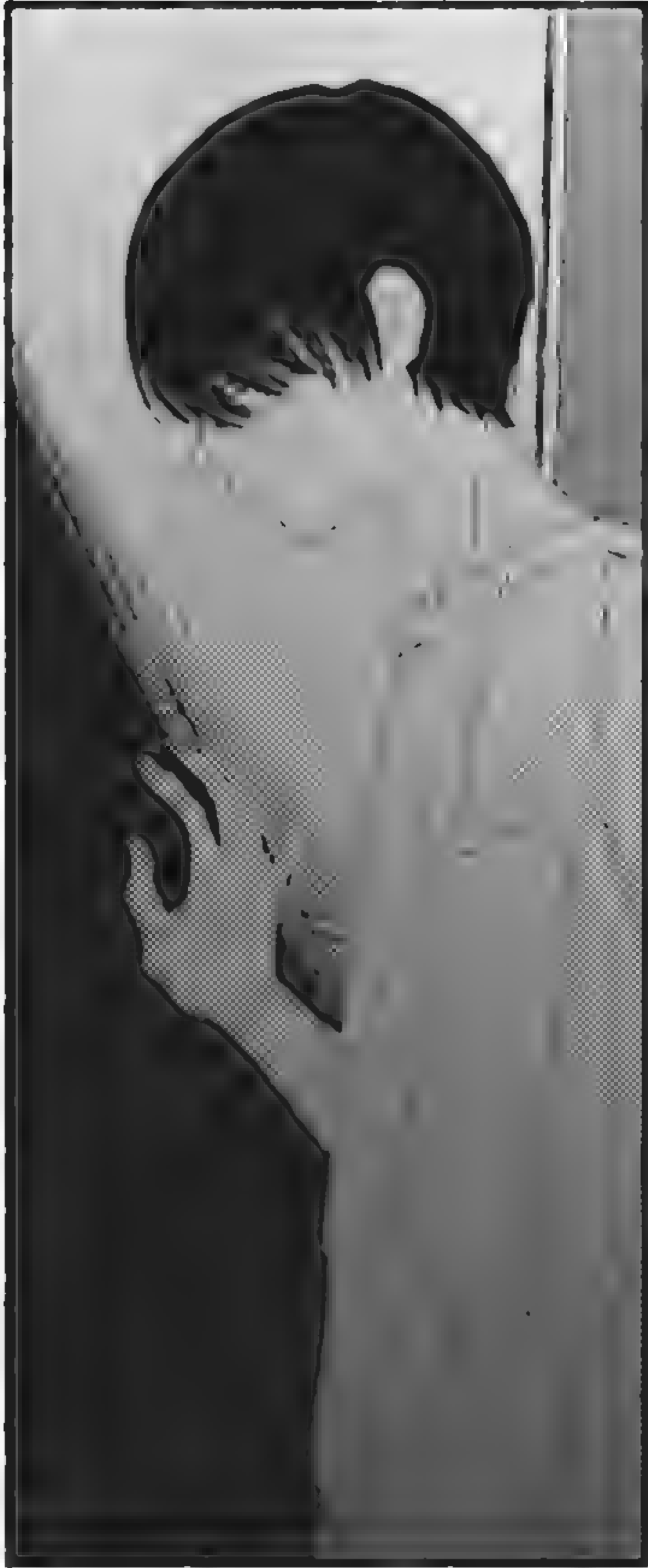
SINCE WE
AGREED
YOU WERE
FINISHED WITH
ALL YOUR
NONSENSE.

FOCUS THAT
ENERGY INTO
YOUR STUDIES
INSTEAD.



R-RIGHT...
WILL DO.

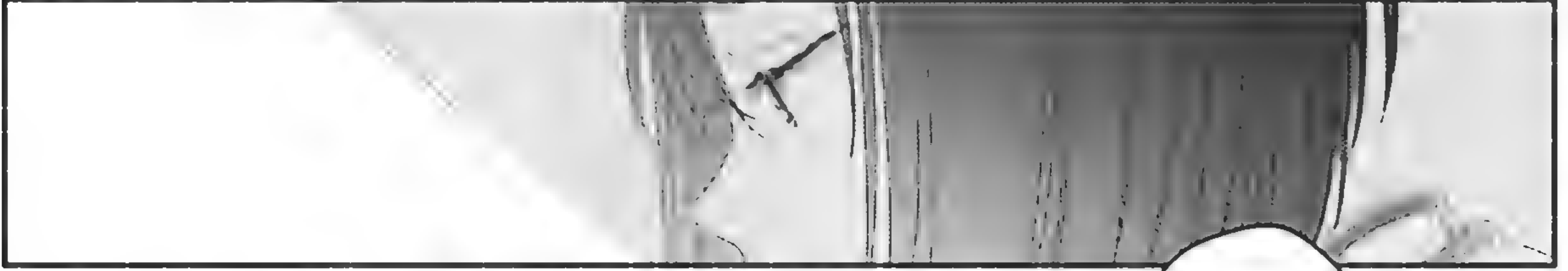


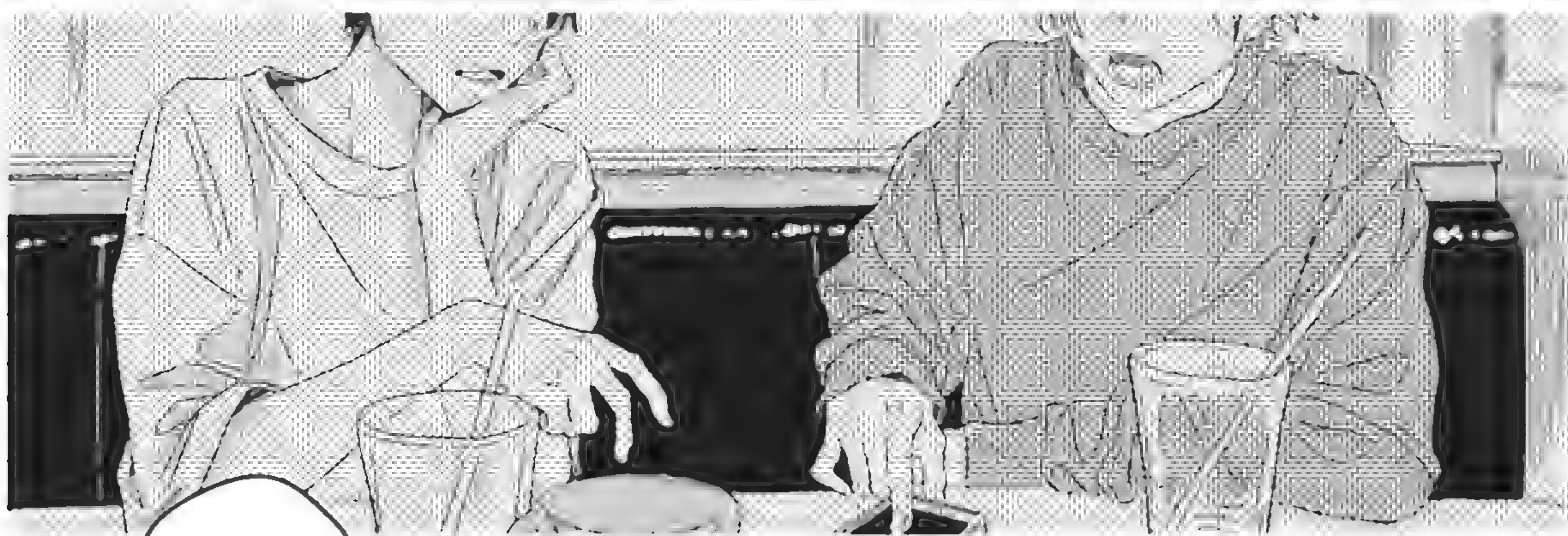
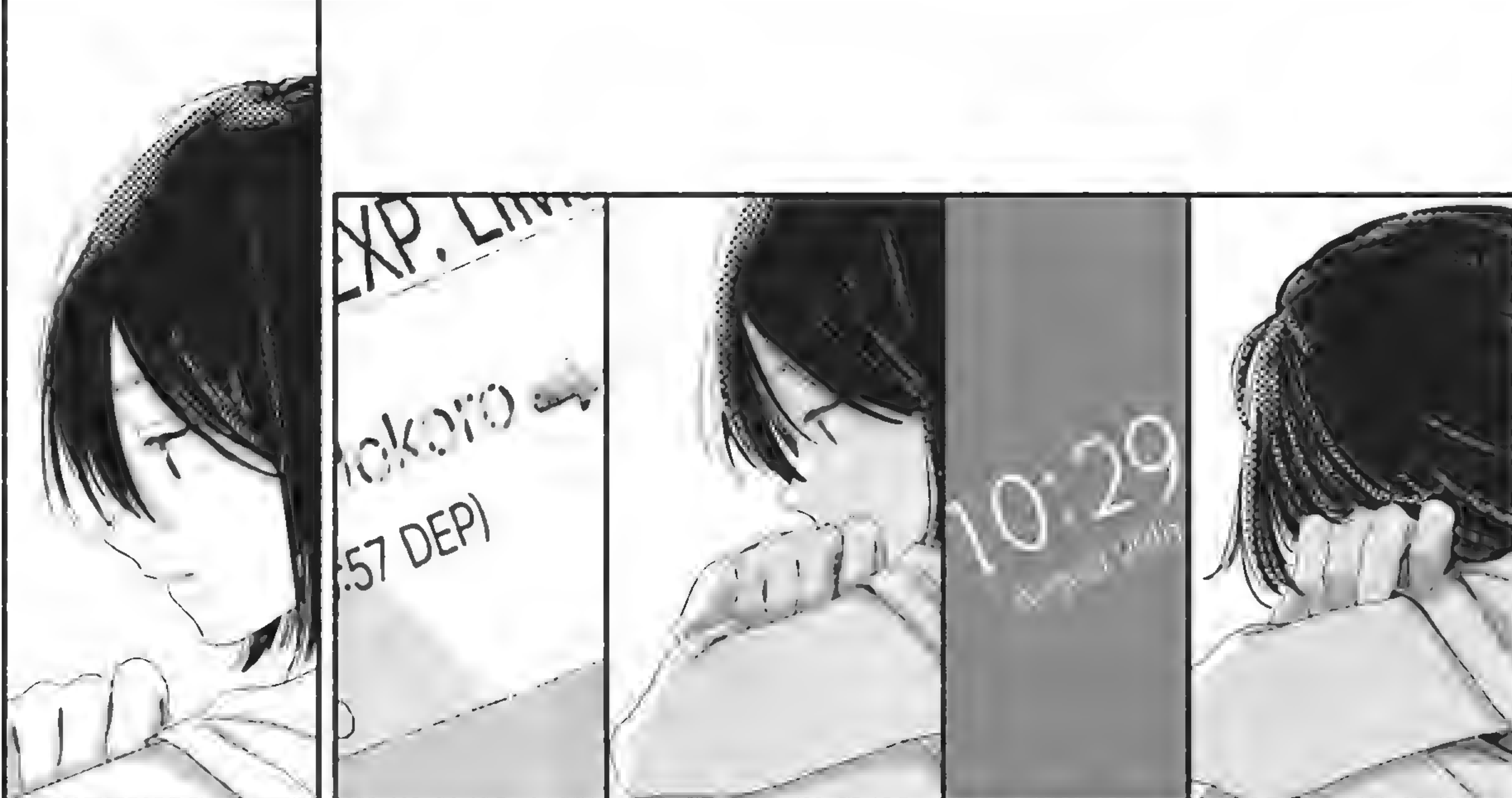


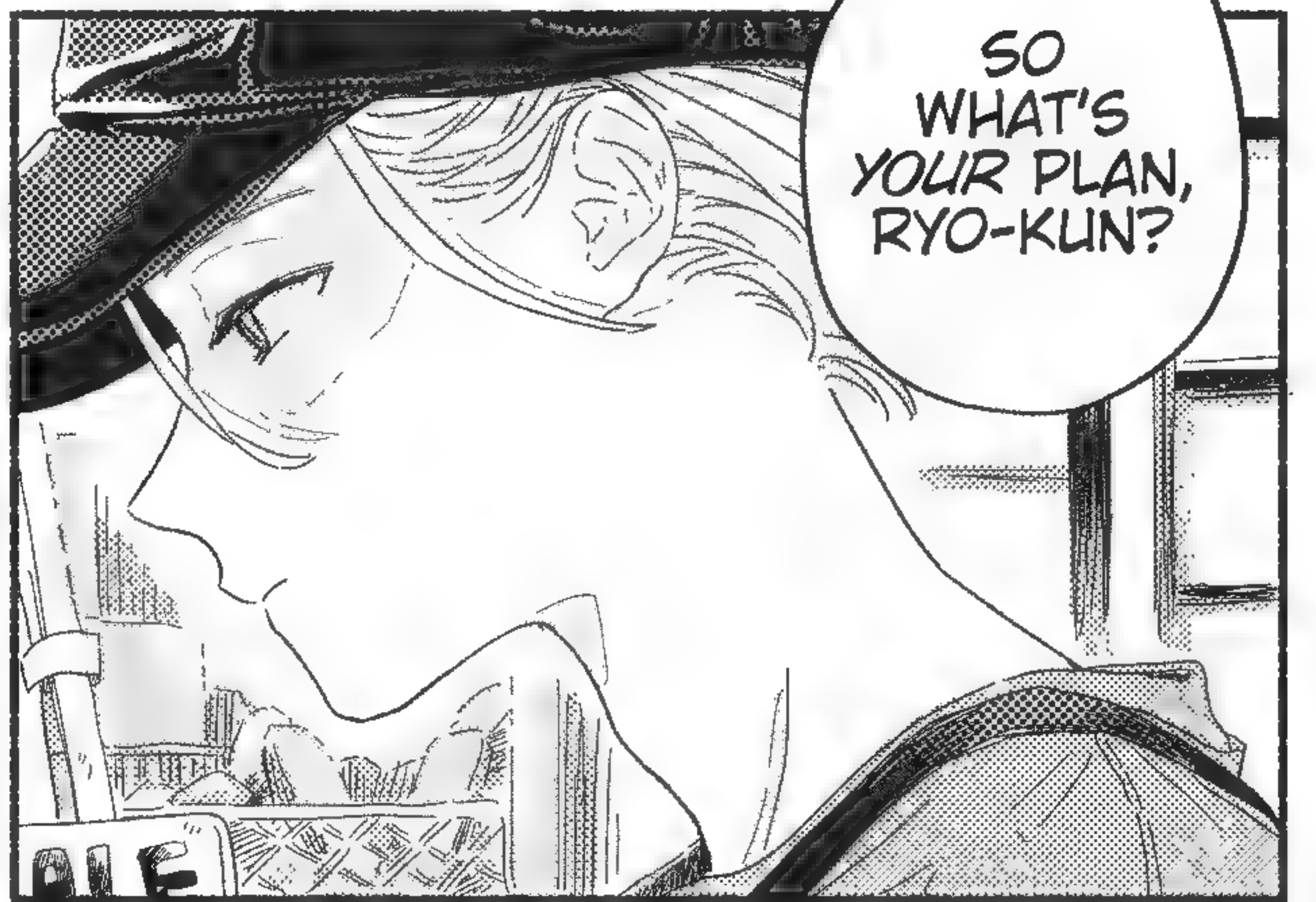


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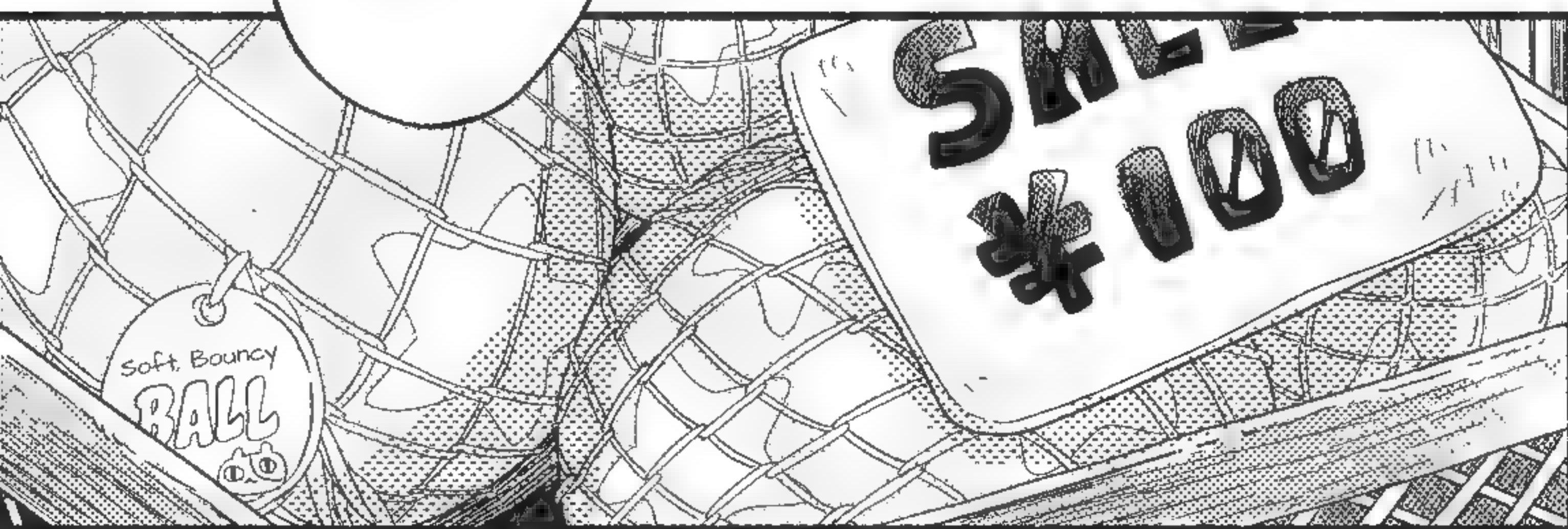


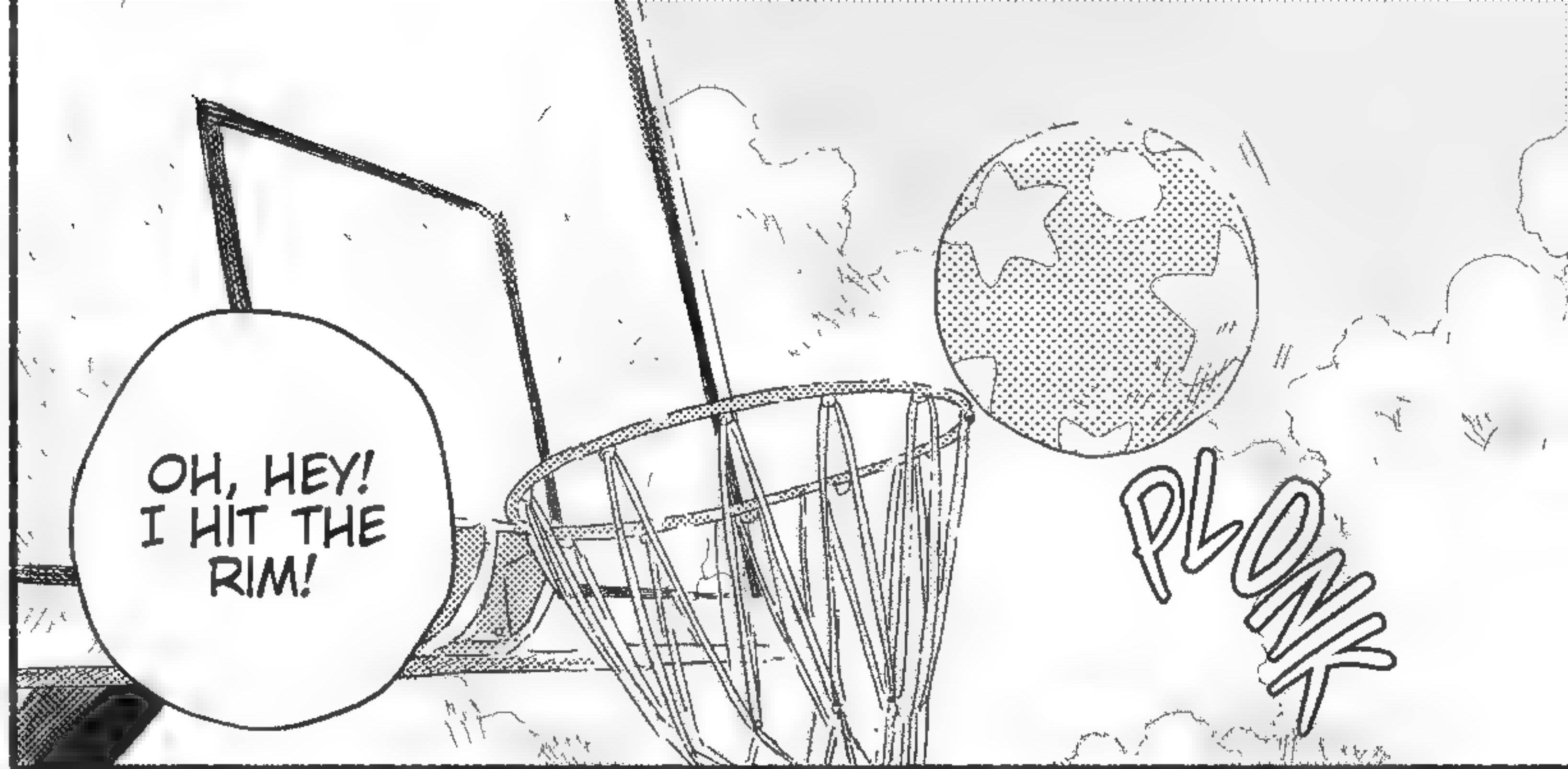






OH,
HEY.







THAT'S
NICE...
SOUNDS
LIKE...

YOU'VE
GOT SOME
FOND
MEMORIES,
THEN.



I WAS THE
FASTEST KID
IN THE WHOLE
SCHOOL BACK
THEN.

I'D PRACTICE
NONSTOP,
EVEN AT HOME.
ALWAYS PUSHING
MYSELF TO GET
BETTER. LOVED
THE FEELING OF
REACHING NEW
HEIGHTS.

MY FOLKS
WOULD SHOW
UP AT EVERY
SINGLE GAME,
TOO, EVEN
THOUGH I
TOLD 'EM NOT
TO WORRY
ABOUT IT.



YEAH.

BUT
IT'S OVER
NOW. I'M
DONE WITH
BASKETBALL.



HOW COME?
YOU DON'T
LIKE IT
ANYMORE?

NAH, I
LOVE IT.
SAME AS
EVER.



I'LL
NEVER PLAY
ANOTHER
GAME AGAIN.



...



I'M SURE
THERE ARE
PLENTY OF
ADULT TEAMS
WHO'D LOVE
TO HAVE
YOU!



I MEAN, I BET
IT'S TOUGH TO
PLAY WHEN YOU
DON'T CLICK
WITH YOUR
TEAMMATES...

I KNOW I
ALWAYS HAD
A BAD TIME
WHENEVER
WE GOT SPLIT
INTO TEAMS
DURING GYM
CLASS...



W...

WELL,
DON'T LET
GRADUATION
STOP YOU,
THEN!
ESPECIALLY IF
IT'S SOMETHING
YOU LOVE!



HA
HA.

"ALMOST,"
HUH...?



I CAN
ALMOST
GUARANTEE
IT!



BUT DON'T
WORRY! I'M
SURE YOU'LL
FIND THE
PERFECT TEAM
FOR YOU ONE
DAY!



SURE WISH
WE COULD'VE
ACTUALLY
GONE TO THE
AQUARIUM
TODAY,
THOUGH.

I KNOW
HOW MUCH
YOU WERE
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO IT.

NO, NO!
IT'S OKAY!
I STILL HAD
FUN!

HONESTLY,
THIS WHOLE
SUMMER
VACATION'S
BEEN A TON
OF FUN...



NAH, I'M
GOOD. YOU
CAN HAVE
IT.

HERE. WHY
DON'T YOU
KEEP THIS,
RYO-KUN?



YEAH,
OKAY.
FAIR
ENOUGH.

NO, I
MEAN IT!
I'D NEVER
USE IT!

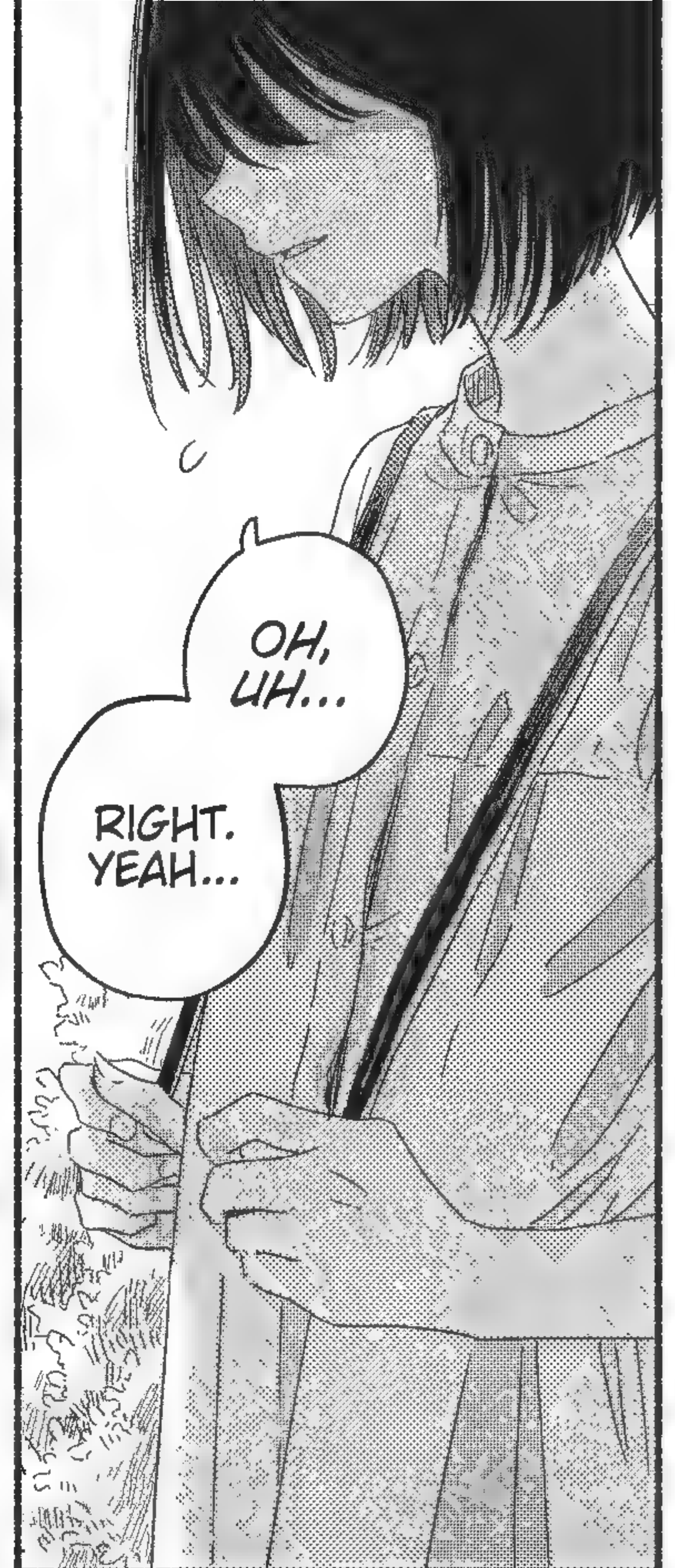
HONEST!





GUESS
YOU'VE GOT
A POINT
THERE...

AH HA
HA...



OH,
UH...

RIGHT.
YEAH...



HEY, RYO-
KUN?



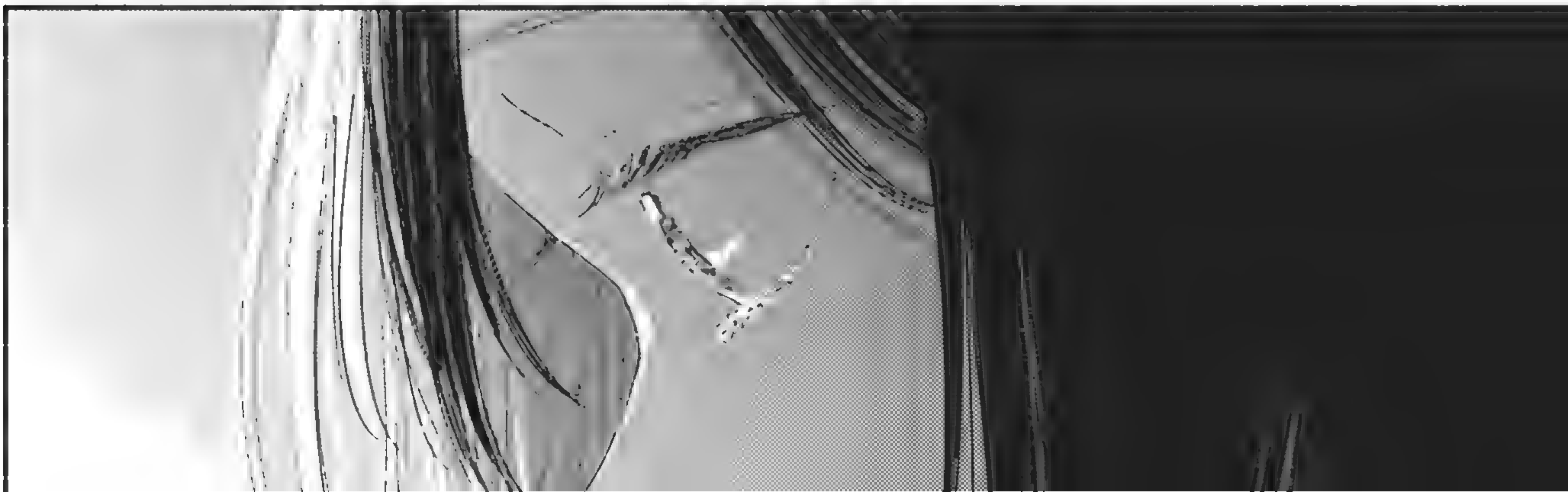
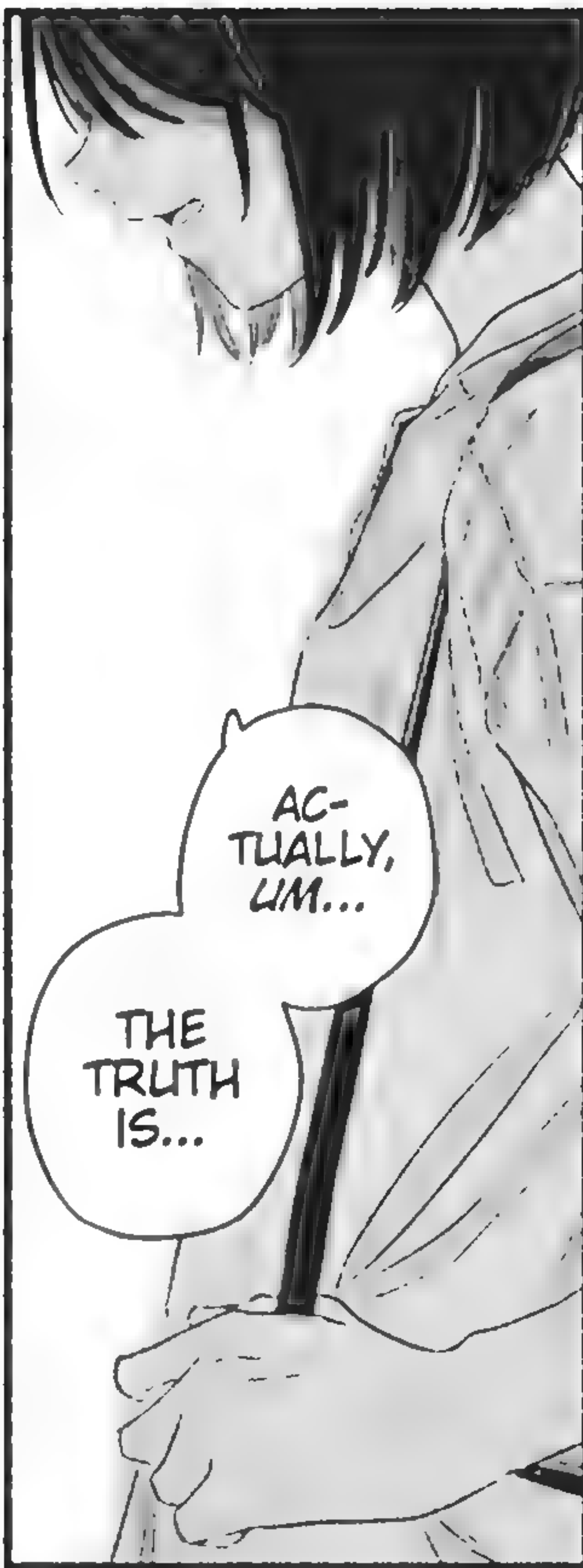
BESIDES,
YOU'RE
REALLY
LOOKING
FORWARD TO
GOING BACK
TO SCHOOL,
AREN'T
YOU?

FINALLY
GET TO
SEE ALL
YOUR
FRIENDS
AGAIN.

ER...

Y-
YEAH...







I MEAN,
UH...



AYANE-
SAN, I
MEAN.

ABOUT
THE
SUMMER
GHOST...

NOTHING,
FORGET IT!
SO HEY...



EH HEH
HEH...

HUH
...?

THE HELL
WAS THAT
ABOUT?



WHY DO
YOU THINK
SHE KILLED
HERSELF,
ANYWAY?



I DON'T
LIKE TRYING
TO WRAP MY
HEAD AROUND
PEOPLE LIKE
THAT.

WHO
KNOWS.



W-WELL,
BUT I
MEAN...I'M
SURE
THEY'VE
ALL...

HAD THEIR
OWN PERSONAL
DEMONS TO
DEAL WITH.



ANYONE WHO
TAKES THEIR
OWN LIFE MUST
THINK THEIR
PROBLEMS
ARE SO MUCH
WORSE THAN
ANYONE ELSE'S.

WHEN IN
REALITY, IT'S
PROBABLY
JUST THE MOST
MUNDANE, PETTY
BULLCRAP
IMAGINABLE.



YEAH? AND
WHAT ABOUT
PEOPLE WHO
WANT TO GO
ON LIVING, BUT
DON'T GET A
CHOICE IN THE
MATTER?

I'M SURE
THEY'D LOVE
TO TRADE
PROBLEMS
WITH SOMEONE
WHO THROWS
IT ALL AWAY.

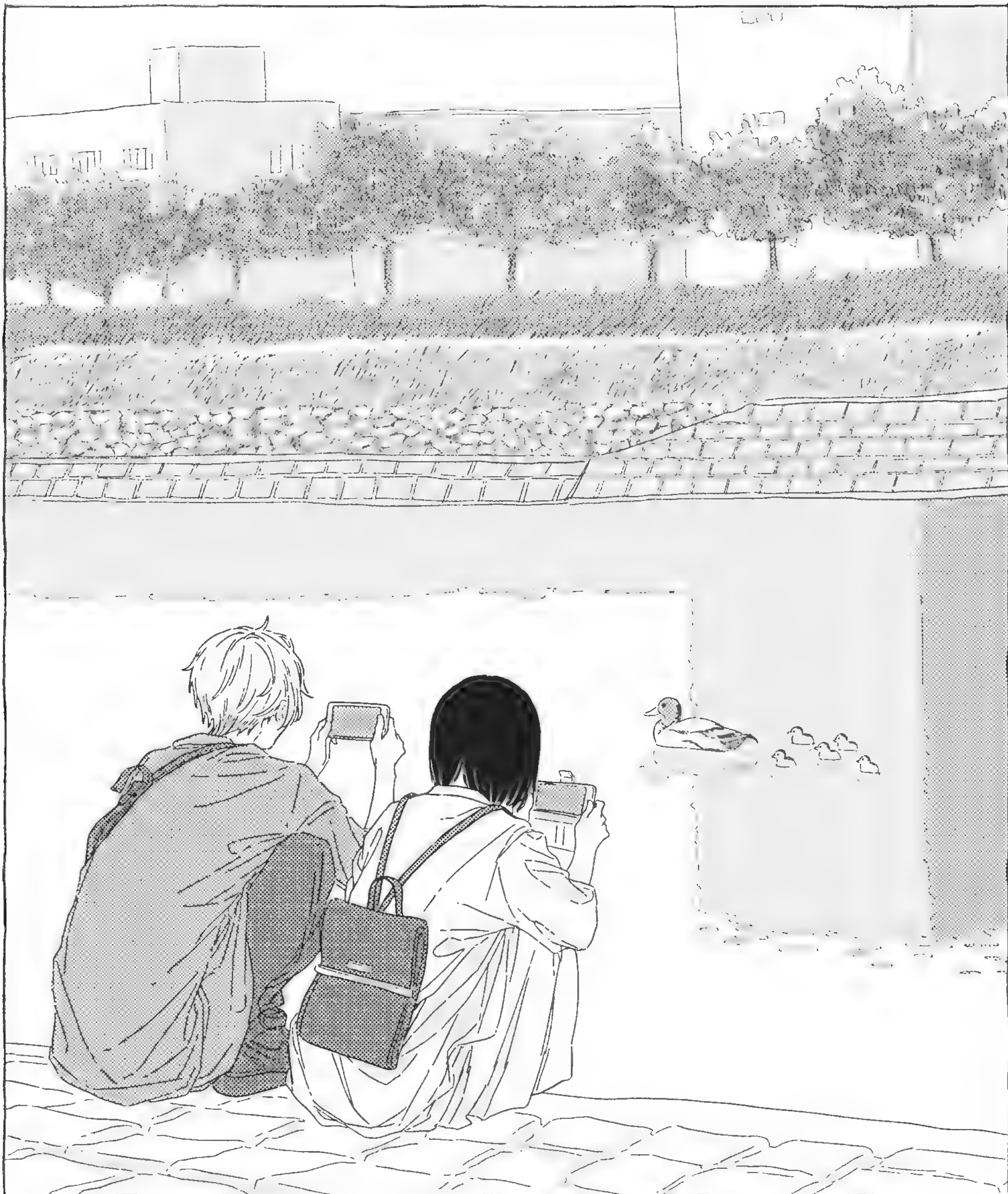




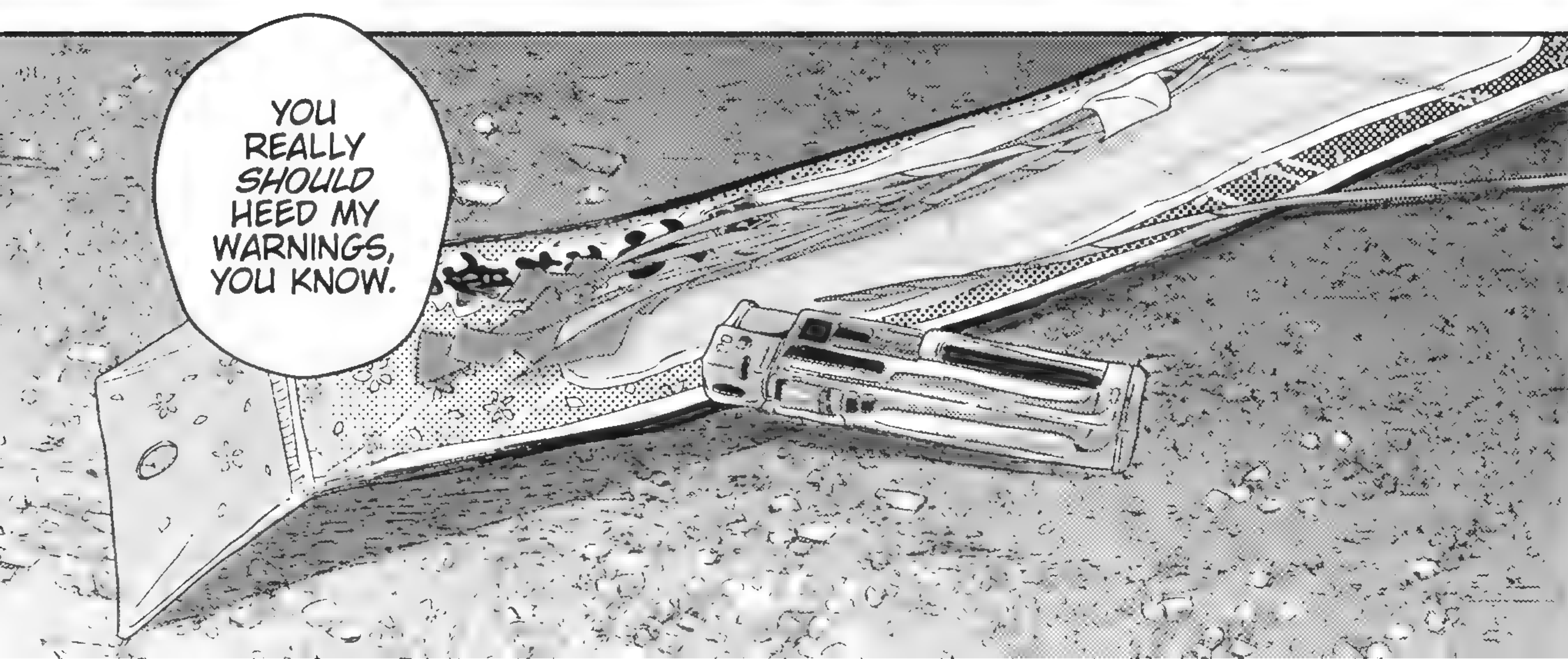




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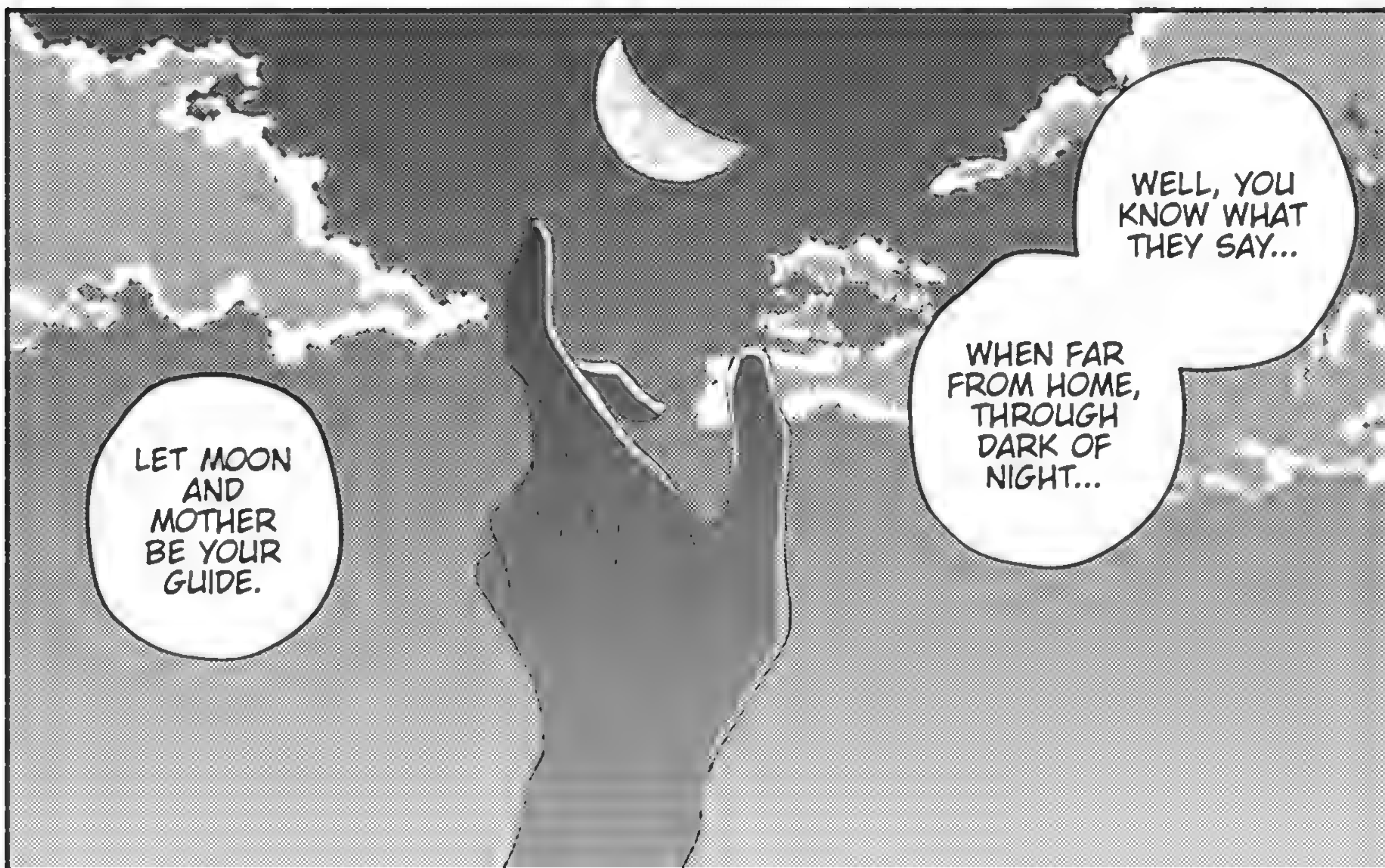
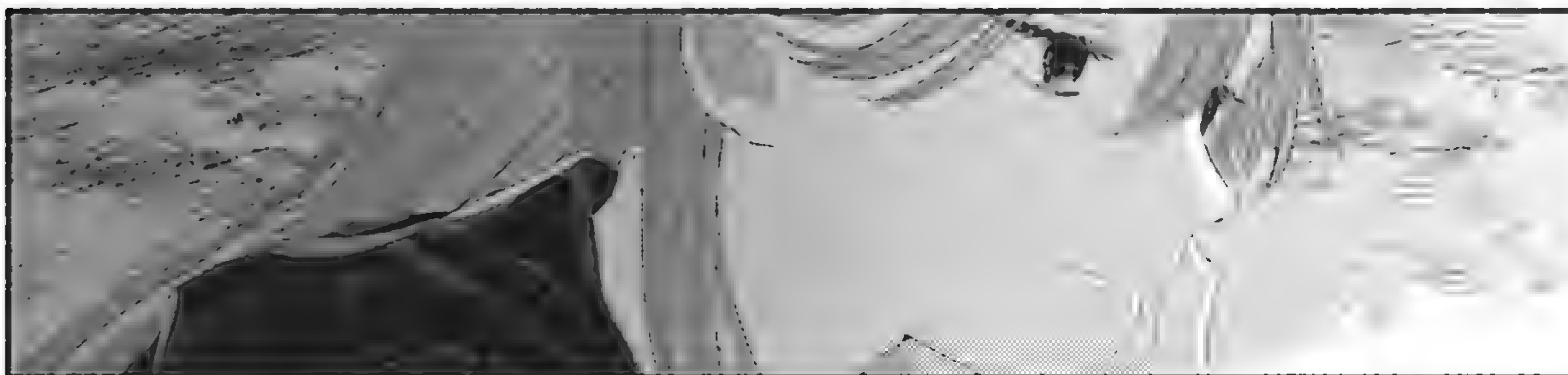




AND YET
YOU KEEP
SHOWING
UP. WHY IS
THAT?



DIDN'T I
TELL YOU
TO STOP
CHASING
GHOSTS?



LET MOON
AND
MOTHER
BE YOUR
GUIDE.

WHEN FAR
FROM HOME,
THROUGH
DARK OF
NIGHT...

WELL, YOU
KNOW WHAT
THEY SAY...



IT WAS
SUNG BY
INDENTURED
NURSEMAIDS...

BACK IN THE
DAYS WHEN
POOR YOUNG
GIRLS WOULD
BE SENT OFF
TO SERVE
WELL-TO-DO
FAMILIES.



WHAT'S
THAT
FROM?

AN OLD
LULLABY.

NEVER
HEARD
IT?



EVEN
WE GHOSTS
GET ANXIOUS
WHEN ALONE
IN THE DARK,
YOU SEE.



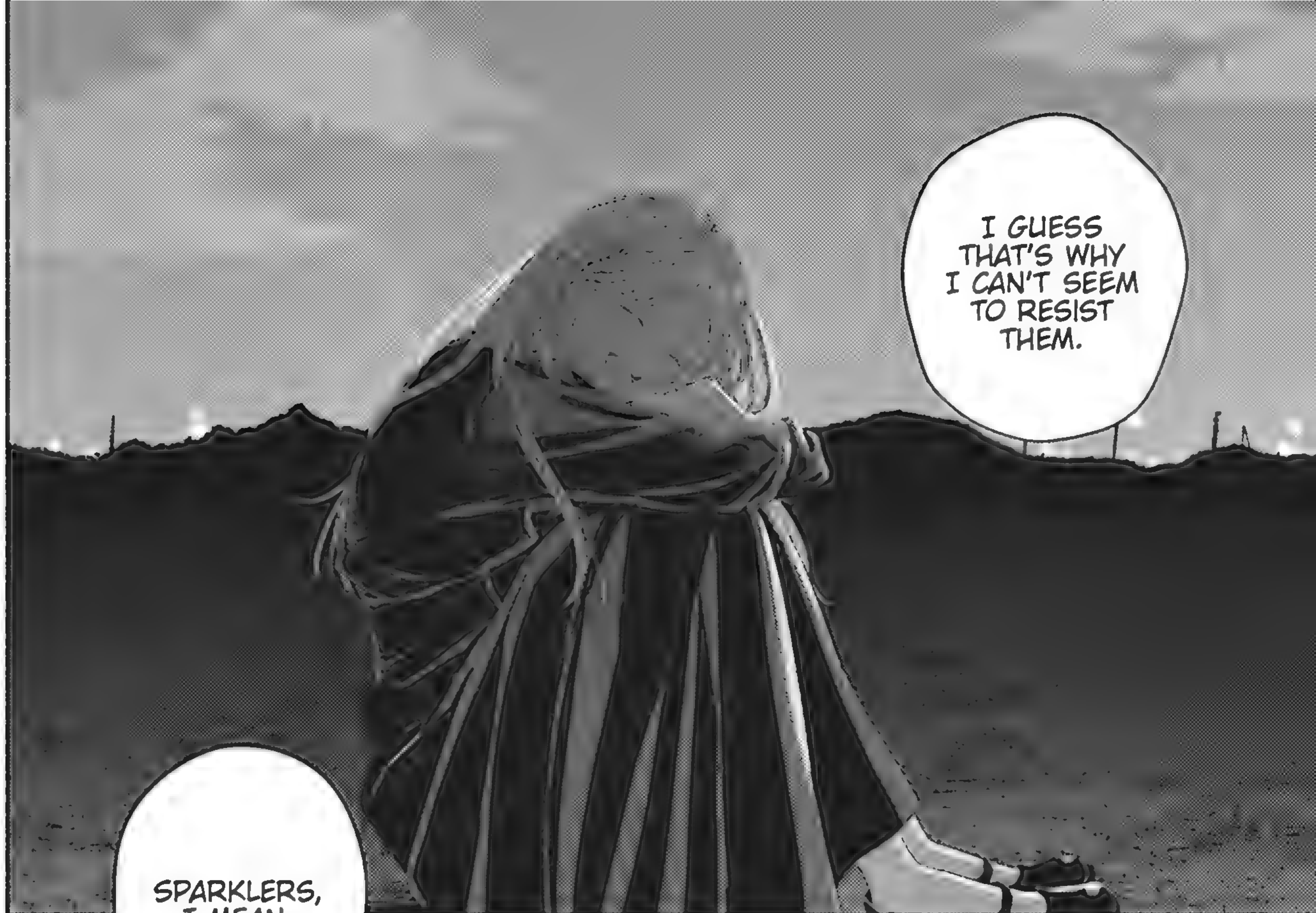
SO
YOU'RE
GOING TO
BE ALL
RIGHT.



NO MATTER
HOW FAR
FROM HOME
YOU MIGHT
BE...

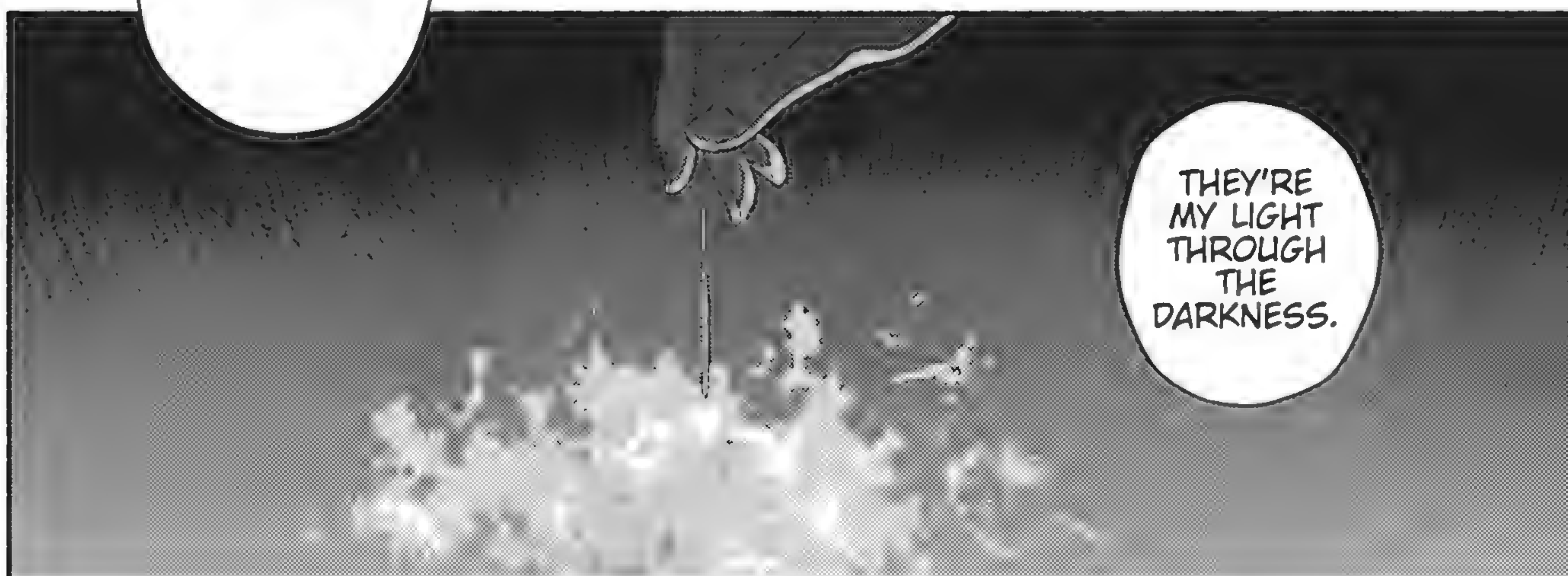
EVEN WHEN
THE NIGHT
IS AT ITS
DARKEST...

THERE'S
ALWAYS A
SOURCE OF
LIGHT YOU CAN
RELY ON...BE
IT THE MOON,
OR A LOVING
PARENT.



I GUESS
THAT'S WHY
I CAN'T SEEM
TO RESIST
THEM.

SPARKLERS,
I MEAN.



THEY'RE
MY LIGHT
THROUGH
THE
DARKNESS.

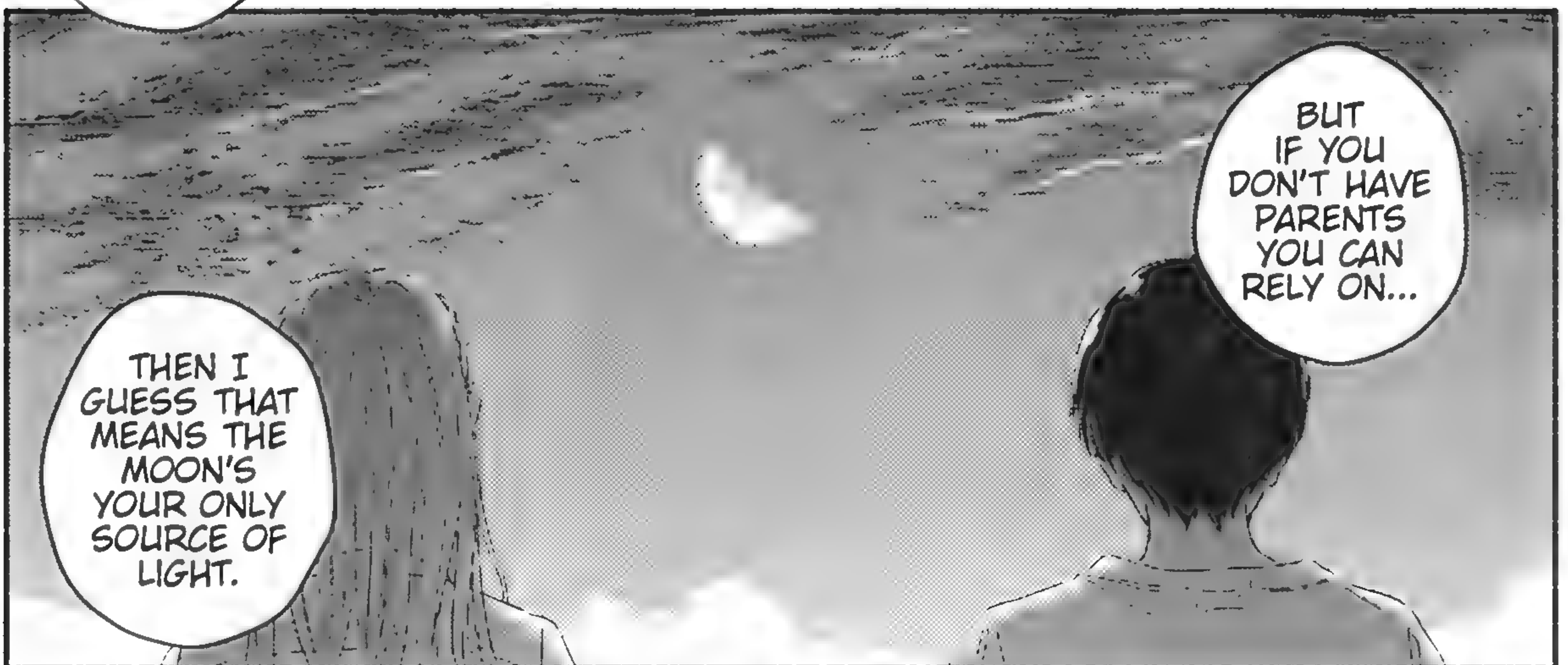


YEAH,
WELL... NOT
EVERYONE
HAS A LOVING
PARENT TO
RELY ON, YOU
KNOW.



WELL, YES...
EVERYONE'S
FAMILY
SITUATION IS
DIFFERENT.

SOME
AREN'T SO
LUCKY, IT'S
TRUE.



THEN I
GUESS THAT
MEANS THE
MOON'S
YOUR ONLY
SOURCE OF
LIGHT.

BUT
IF YOU
DON'T HAVE
PARENTS
YOU CAN
RELY ON...



HONESTLY,
I DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHAT
IT IS I'M
LIVING FOR
THESE DAYS.

YEAH... I
GUESS IT
DOES.

HA
HA...



AT FIRST, I
RESENTED IT.
EVEN TRIED TO
FIGHT IT.



IT'S LIKE
THEY'RE NOT
EVEN MY OWN.
AS IF THEY
WERE PUT IN
MY HEAD BY
SOMEONE
ELSE.

THESE THINGS
I KEEP DOING...
THESE THOUGHTS
I KEEP HAVING,
EVERY SINGLE
DAY...



AND EVEN
THINKING
ABOUT IT
FEELS LIKE
A WASTE OF
ENERGY.

BUT
NOW...

I'M NOT
EVEN SURE
WHO THE
REAL ME IS
ANYMORE.



I'M LOSING
MORE AND
MORE OF
MYSELF, AND
SLOWLY BEING
MOLDED INTO
SOMEONE
ELSE?

SO WHAT'S
THE POINT
OF EVEN
BEING ALIVE,
IF EVERY
SINGLE
DAY...



OH, COME
NOW. DON'T
LOOK SO
GLUM.



YOU
WANTED TO
KNOW WHAT IT
FELT LIKE TO
BE A GHOST,
DIDN'T YOU?

WELL, LET
ME SHOW
YOU.



HERE.
LET ME BE
YOUR GUIDING
MOONLIGHT,
JUST FOR
TONIGHT.



JUST HOLD
ON TIGHT,
OKAY?

HUH?



HERE
WE GO.





FWSH



GO ON.
OPEN YOUR
EYES.

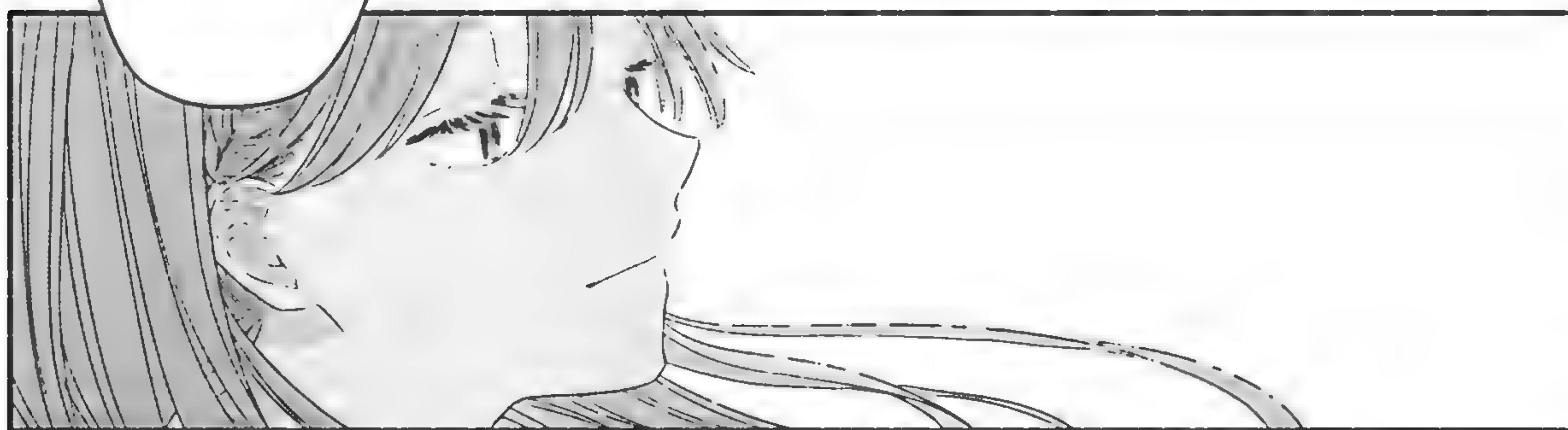


WELL?

HOW
DOES
IT FEEL
TO BE A
GHOST?



WHAT
TH--





HUH...?

HOL--



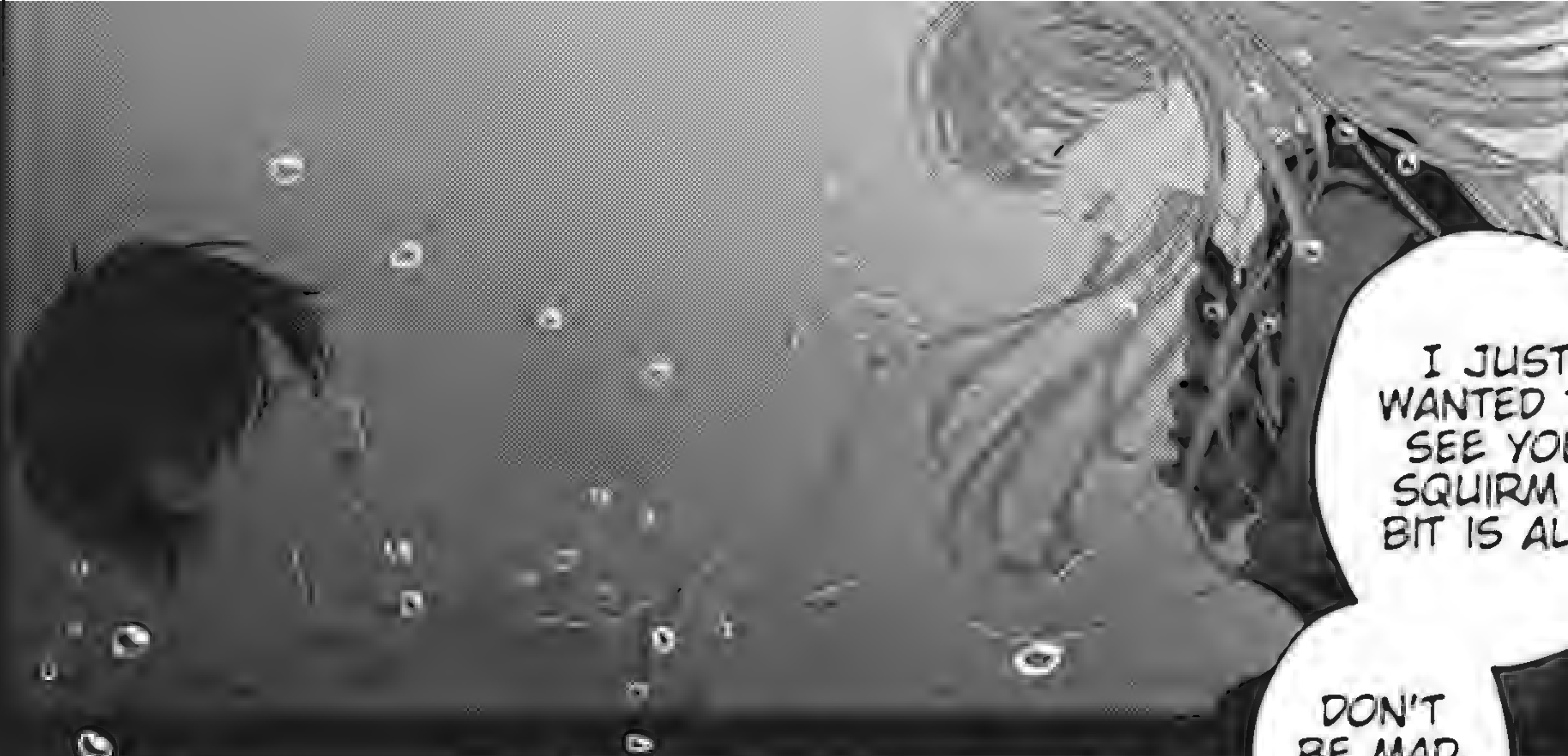




AH HA
HA...

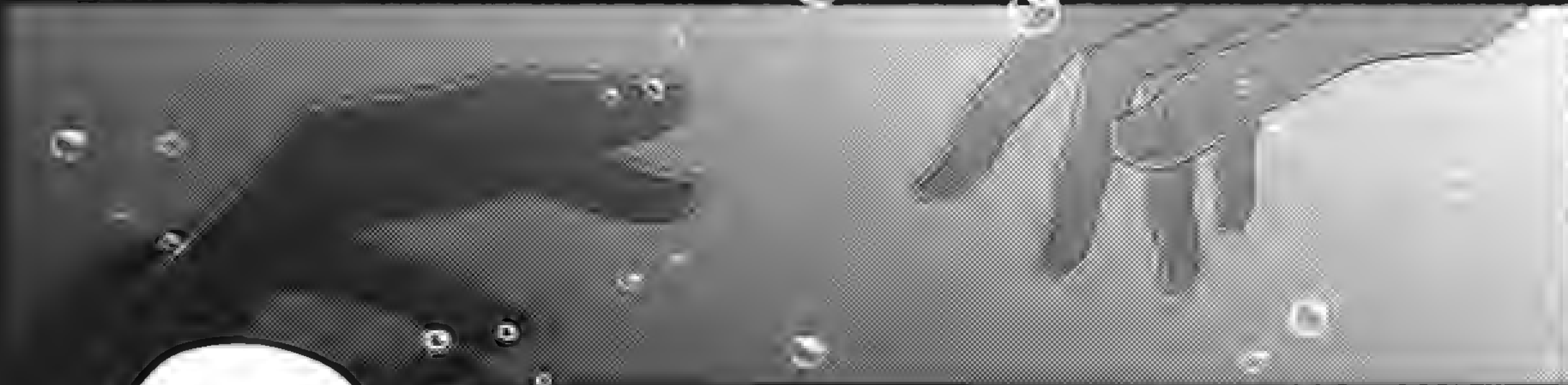
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.



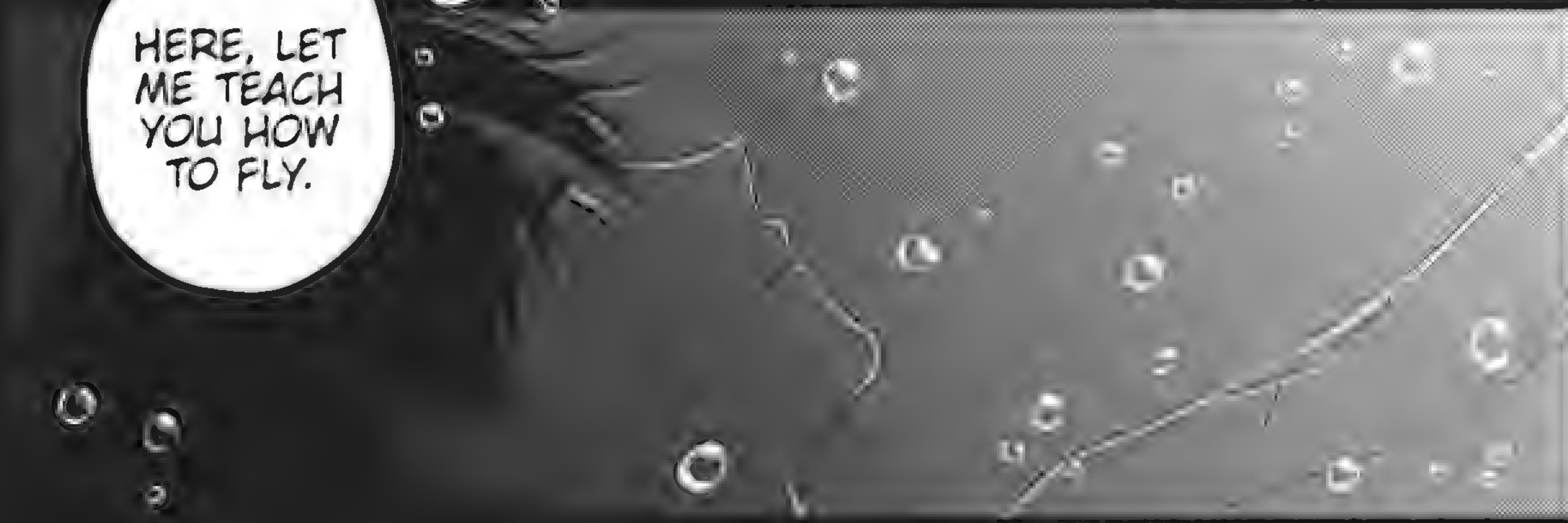


I JUST
WANTED TO
SEE YOU
SQUIRM A
BIT IS ALL.

DON'T
BE MAD,
OKAY?



HERE, LET
ME TEACH
YOU HOW
TO FLY.



A black and white illustration of a person falling through a dark, starry space. The person is in a horizontal position, with their arms and legs outstretched. The background is filled with numerous small, bright stars of varying sizes. The overall tone is mysterious and ethereal.

JUST PICTURE
A DESTINATION
IN YOUR HEAD,
AND MAKE A
WISH.

FOCUS
WITH ALL
YOUR
HEART AND
SOUL...

AND YOUR
MIND WILL
TAKE YOU
WHERE YOU
WANT TO
GO.



SO YOU'RE
A BIT OF AN
ART BLUFF,
HUH?

I
WOULDN'T
SAY THAT...



THE WHOLE
POINT OF DOING
THIS WAS TO
GET YOU OUT OF
YOUR SHELL, SO
I EXPECT YOU
TO HAVE A GOOD
TIME TONIGHT,
MISTER.

BUT THIS IS
WHERE YOU
WISHED FOR
US TO GO.



YOU AND I
HAVE GOT THE
WHOLE WORLD
TO OURSELVES
RIGHT NOW.



BESIDES,
LOOK!





SHE
LOOKS
SO ALIVE.



AND IT'LL
PROBABLY STILL
BE AROUND LONG
AFTER EVERYONE
ALIVE TODAY IS
DEAD.

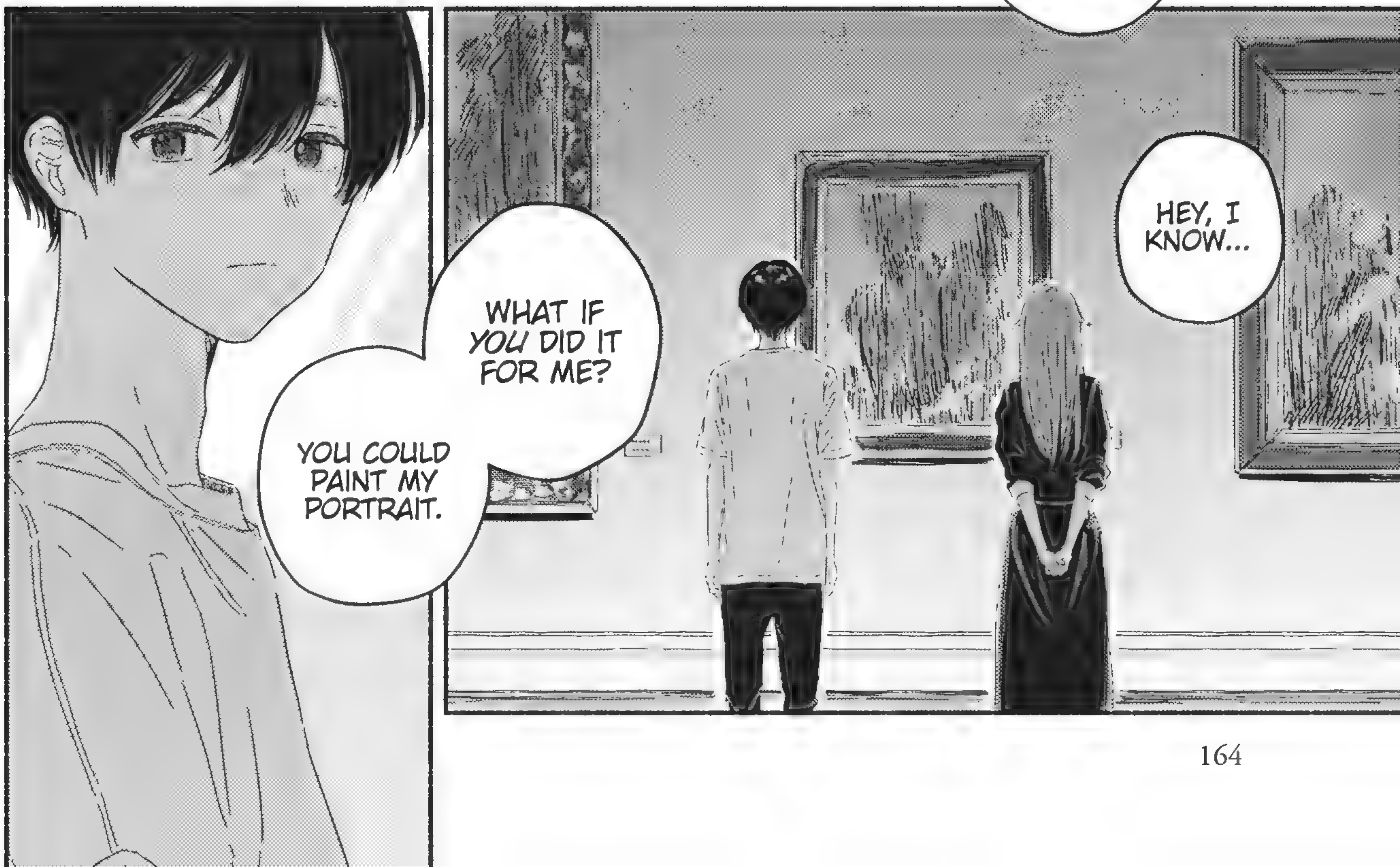
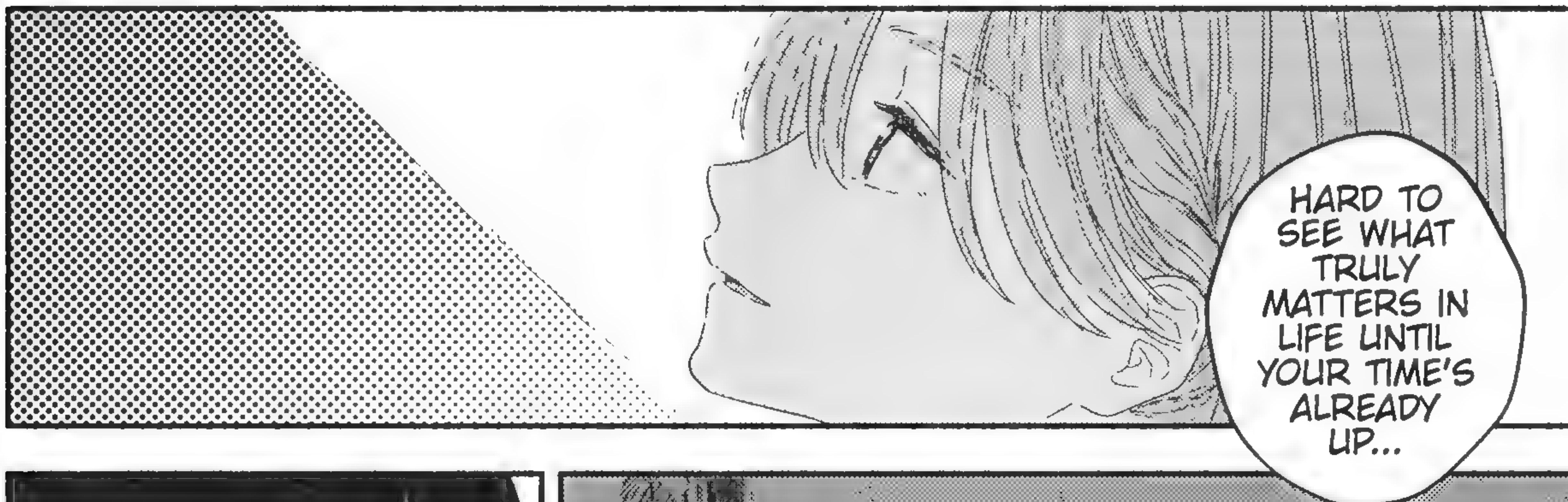
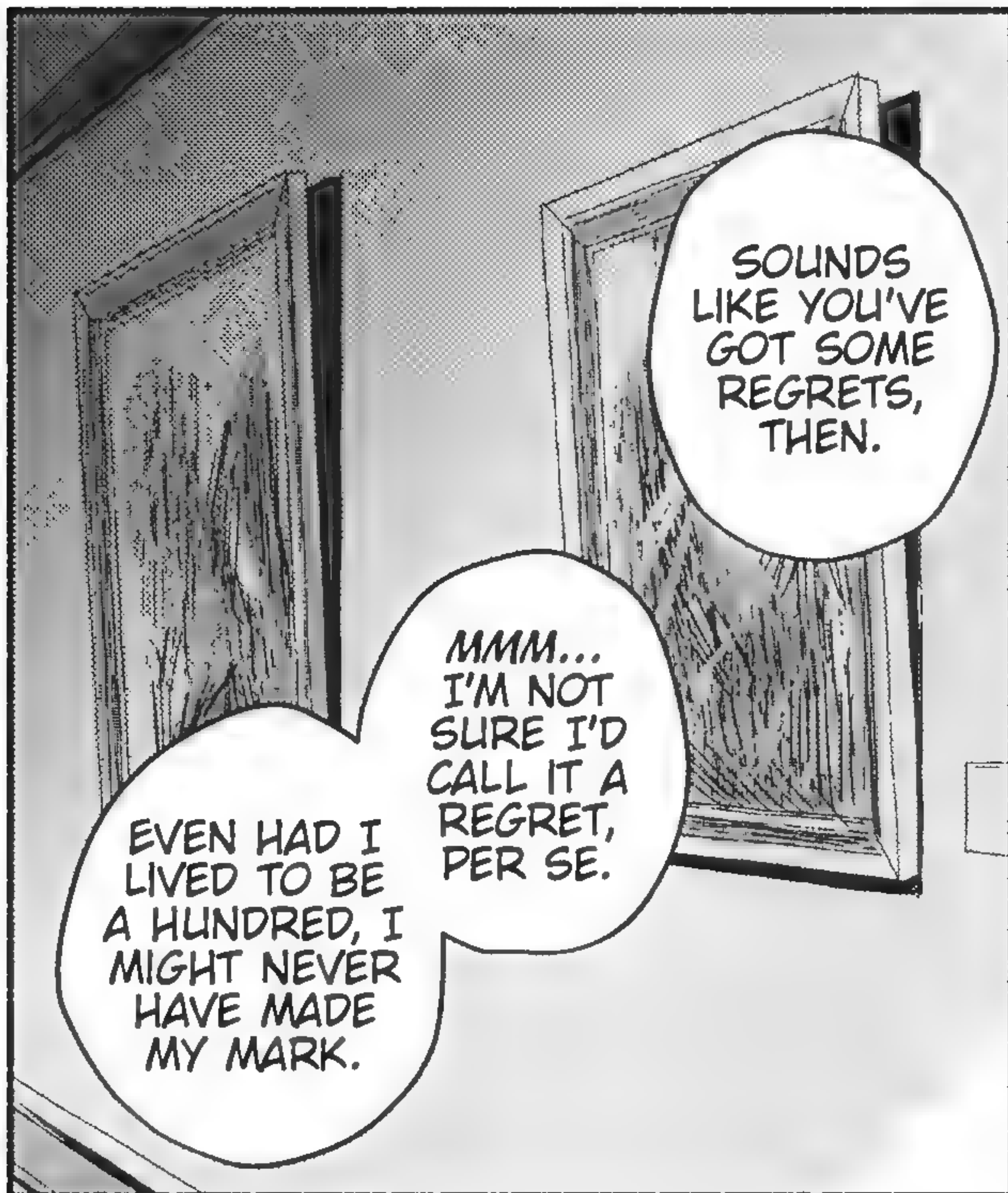
IT'S
FROM
1880...

WELL
OVER A
CENTURY
AGO,
THEN.



WISH
I COULD
HAVE LEFT
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS
BEHIND.

SOME
MARK ON THE
WORLD, TO
PROVE THAT
I WAS EVER
ALIVE.







WELL, FOR
MY PART...I'M
PRETTY
JEALOUS OF
YOU, TOO,
TOMOYA-KUN.



IF WE'RE
ALL JUST
GOING
TO DIE
SOMEDAY...

WHY PUT
OURSELVES
THROUGH ALL
THE PAIN AND
SUFFERING
THAT COMES
WITH BEING
ALIVE?

I MEAN,
WHY EVEN
LIVE, YOU
KNOW?

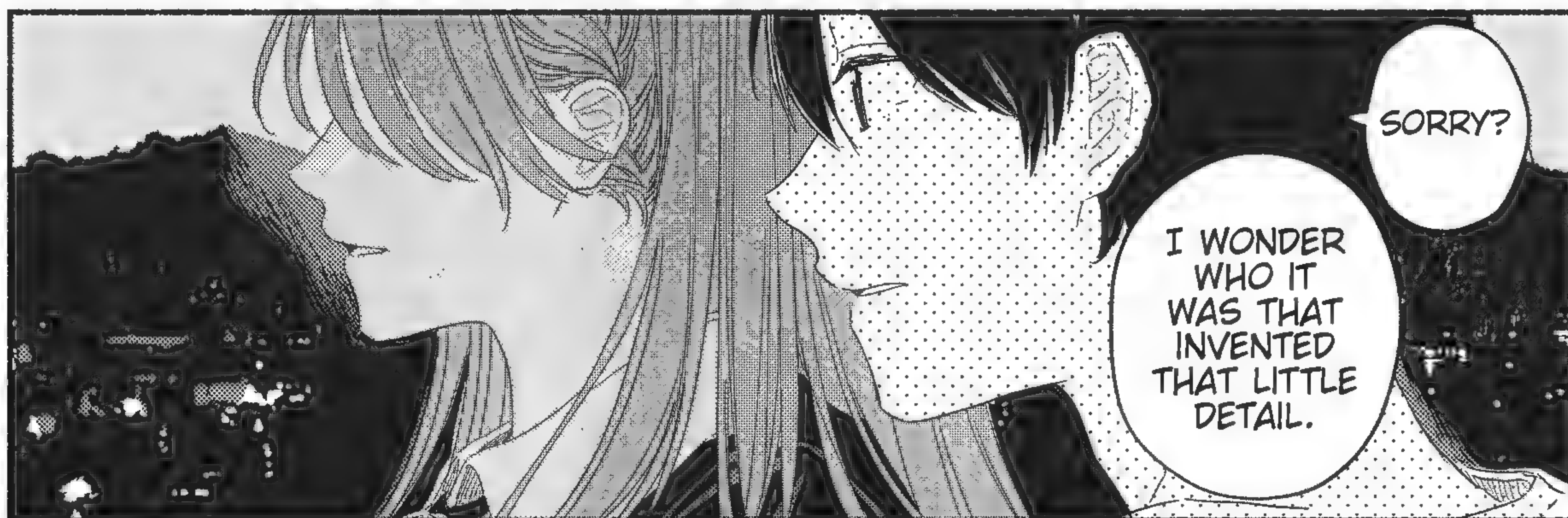


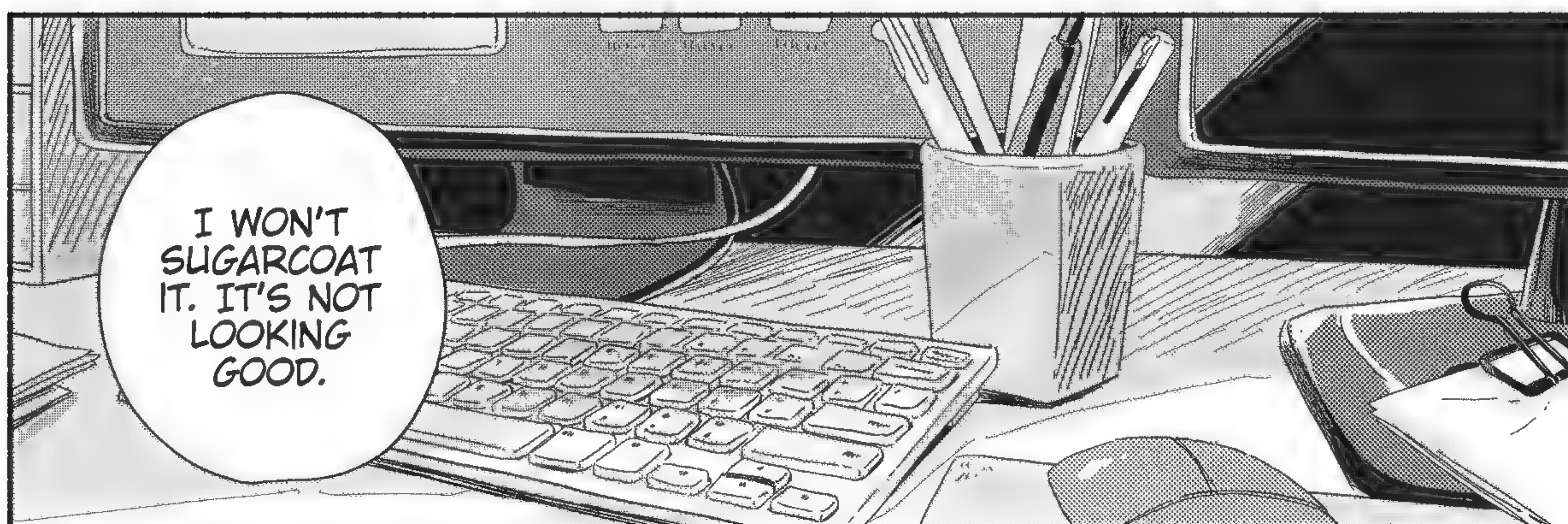
IF THAT'S
REALLY HOW
YOU FEEL, THEN
WHY DID YOU
CHOOSE TO KILL
YOURSELF?



I MEAN,
IT'S HARD
TO BEAT
BEING
ALIVE!

JUST
THINK OF
ALL THE
THINGS
YOU CAN
STILL DO!







GOT IT.

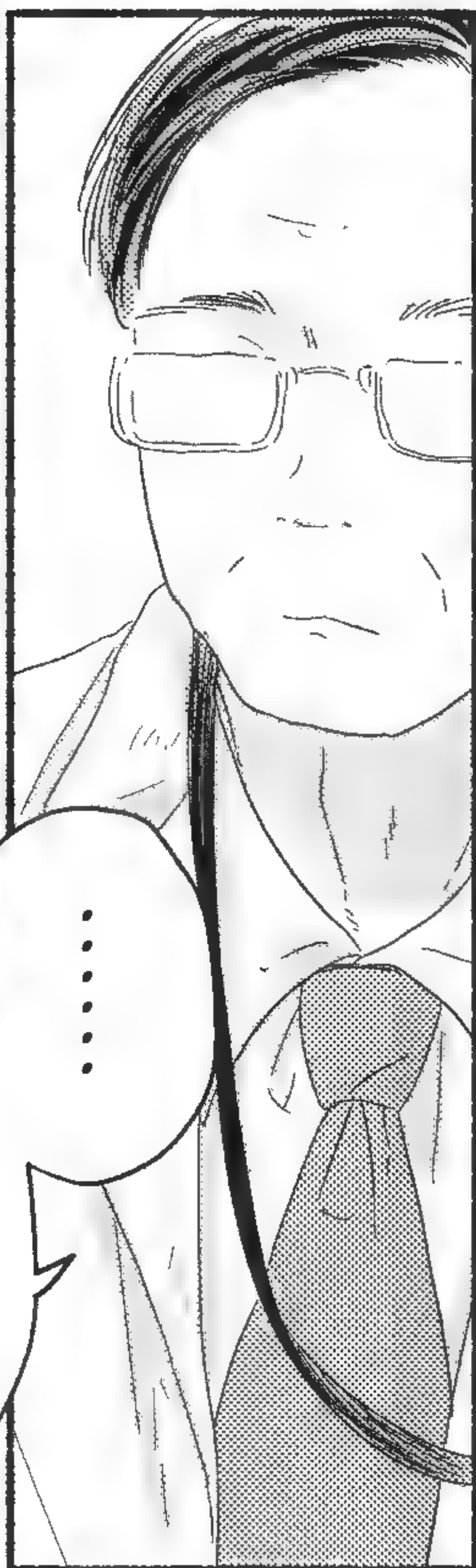


FOR
NOW, IT'S
IMPORTANT
TO AVOID
CROWDS AS
MUCH AS
POSSIBLE.

YOUR
IMMUNE
SYSTEM
CAN'T HANDLE
ANY NASTY
SURPRISES.



YOUR
FOLKS
COULDN'T
MAKE IT
TODAY?

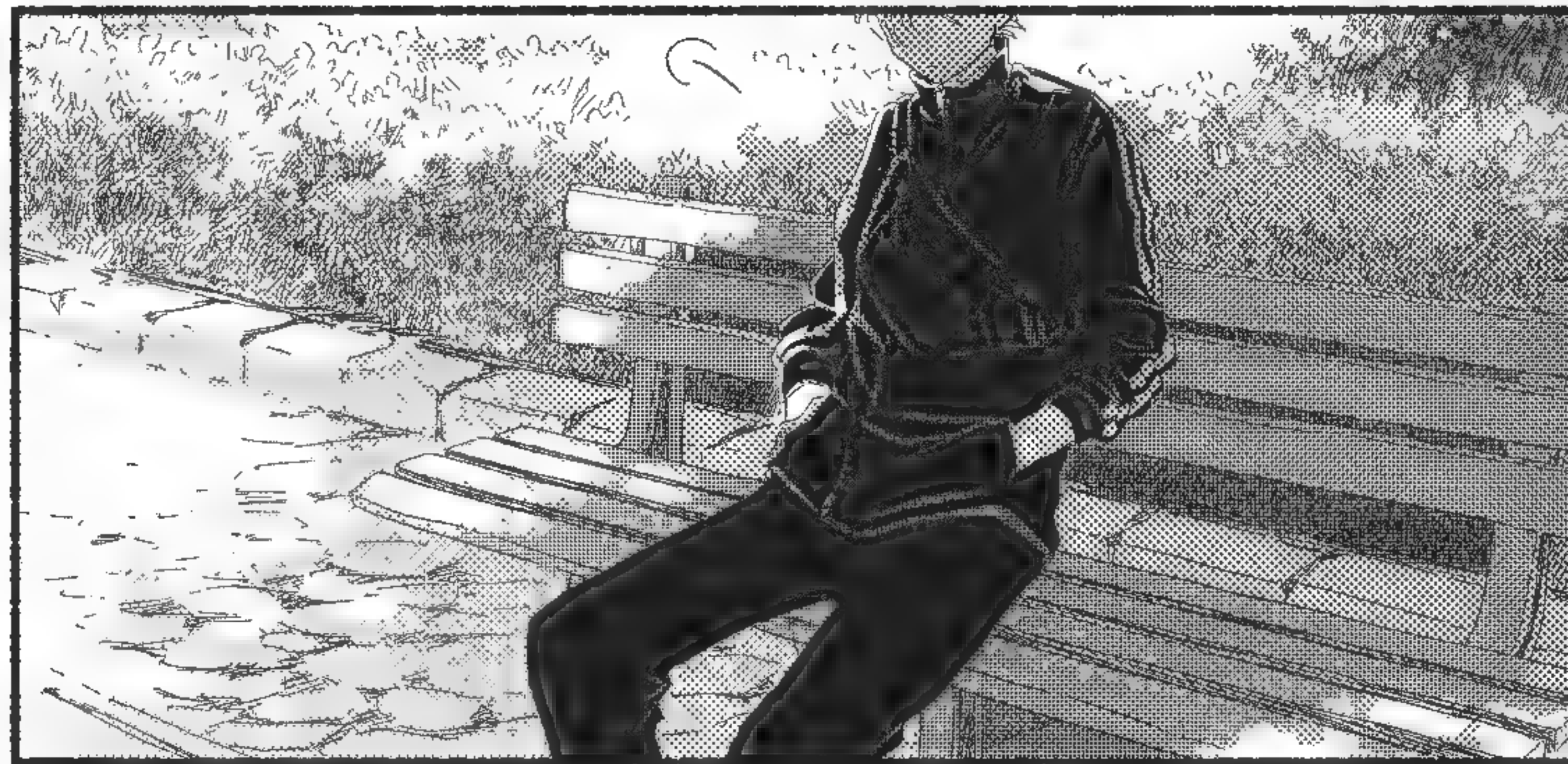
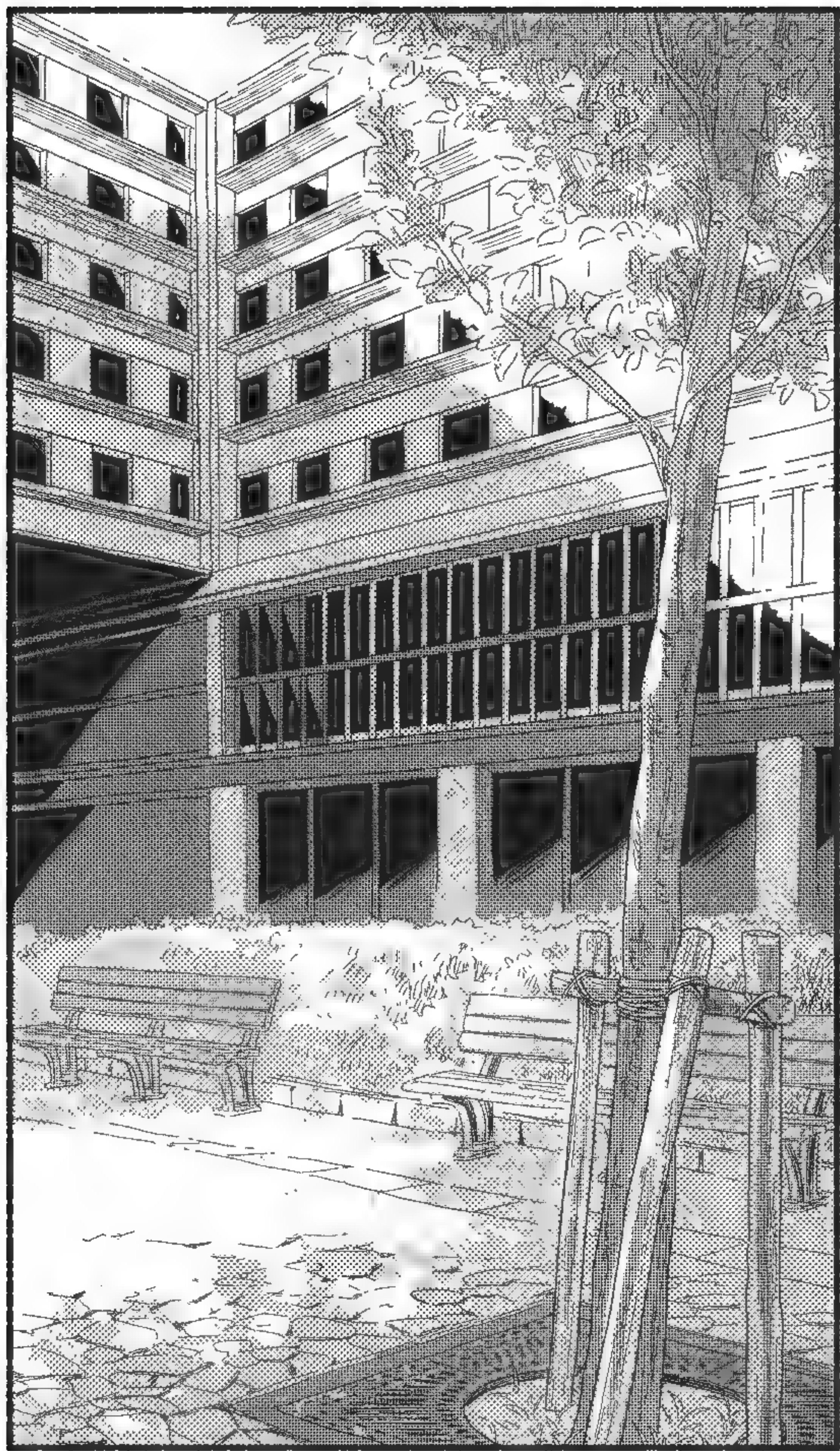


...



IF YOUR
SYMPTOMS
WORSEN, LET
US KNOW
RIGHT AWAY.

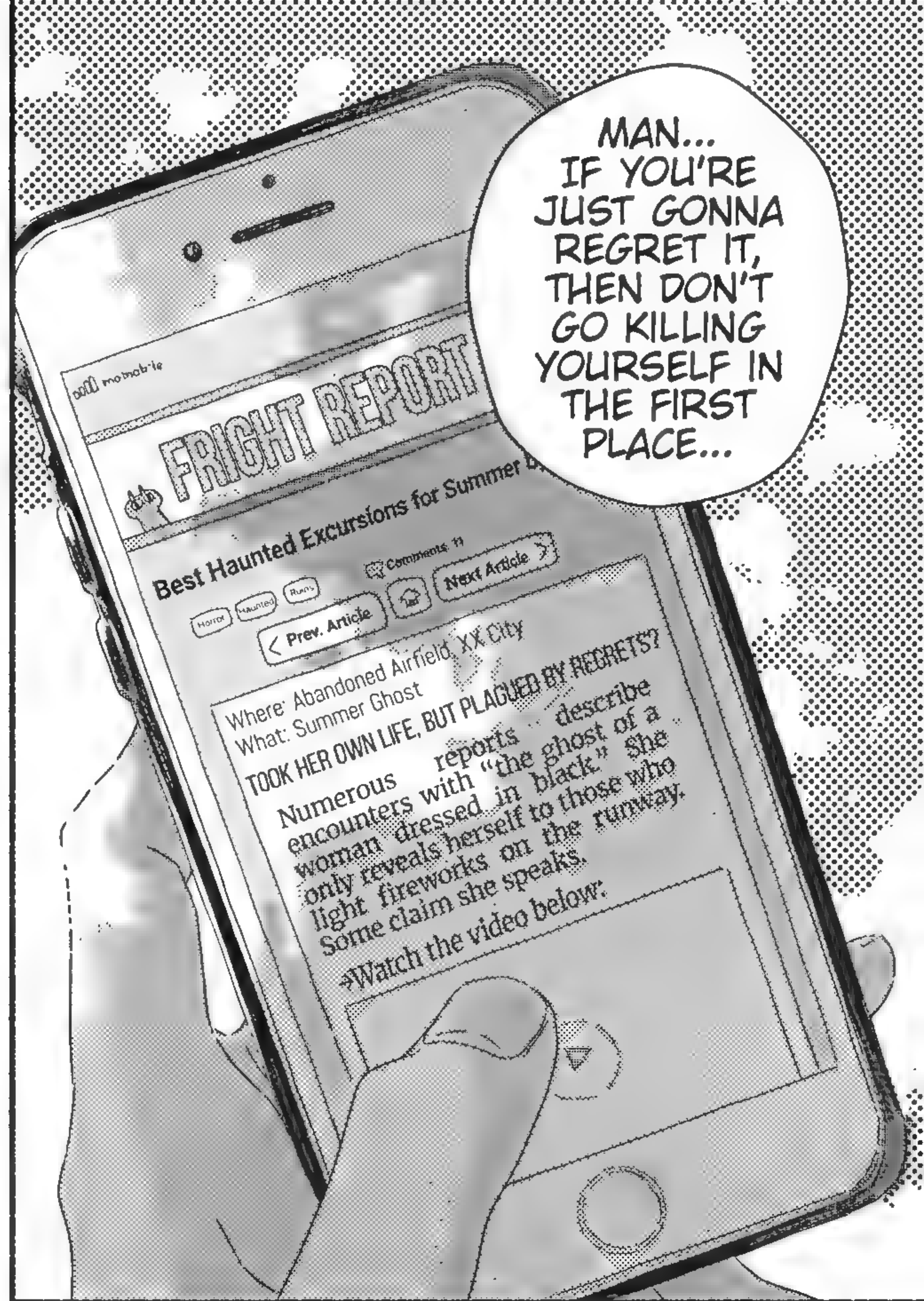
WILL
DO.

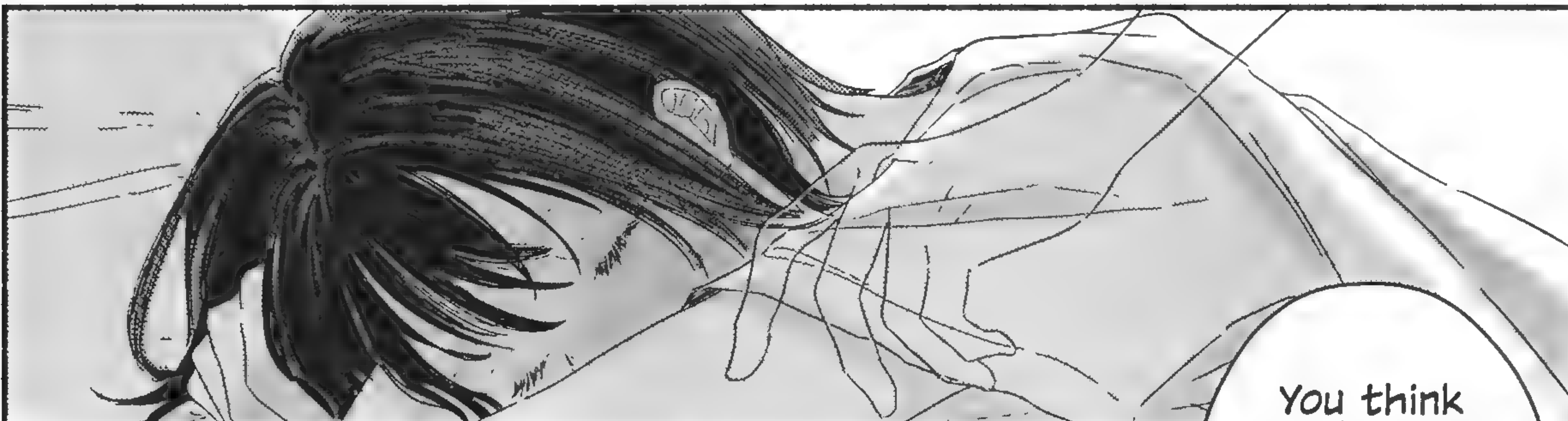
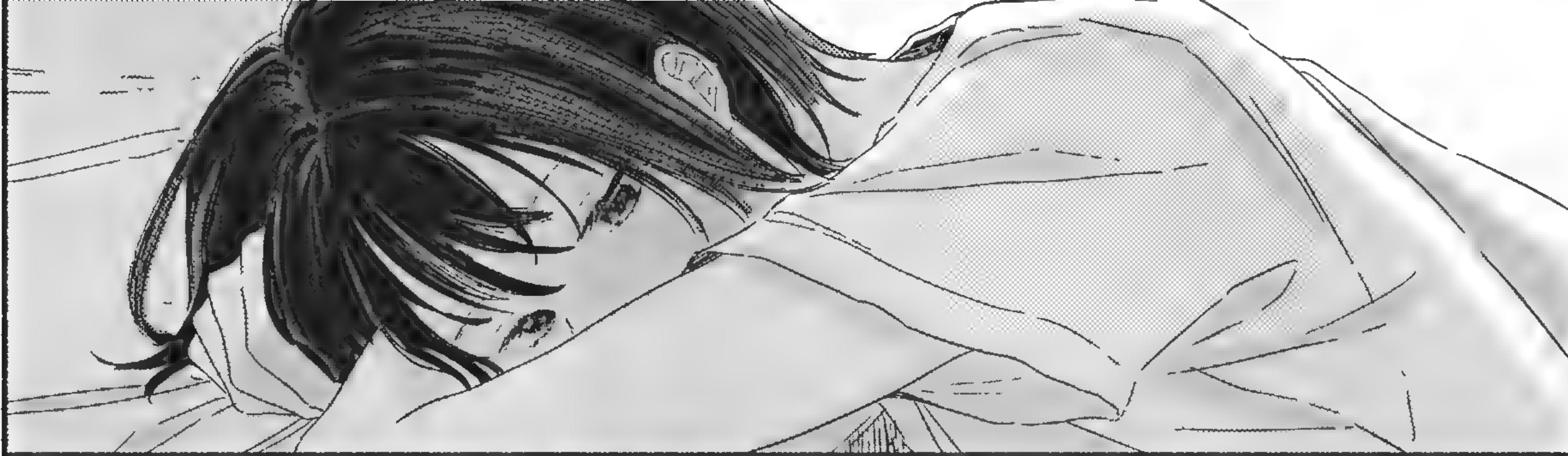












You think
you've got
it so much
worse than
everyone
else, eh?

I'll let
you in on
a little
secret.

Here...

who wish
to know
the face
of death.

I only
appear to
those...









THAT'S
PART OF
DEATH,
NOW,
ISN'T IT?



SUPPOSE I
FOUND THE
CULPRIT--WHAT
THEN? IT'S NOT
LIKE I COULD
APPREHEND
THEM MYSELF, OR
REPORT THEM TO
THE POLICE...



IS...IS THERE
ANYTHING I
COULD DO TO
HELP?



BESIDES,
YOU'VE STILL
GOT A LIFE
OF YOUR OWN
LEFT TO LIVE.

I
APPRECIATE
THE OFFER.

BUT NO.
I'LL BE
OKAY.



YOU
SHOULDN'T
WASTE A
SINGLE SECOND
OF IT DOING
FAVORS FOR
THE DEAD.

PLUS,
YOUR
SUMMER
VACATION'S
ALMOST
OVER,
ISN'T IT?

GO BACK TO
SCHOOL. KEEP
STUDYING FOR
THOSE EXAMS.
MAKE NEW
FRIENDS AND
HOLD THEM
DEAR.

YOU HAVE A
BRIGHT FUTURE
AHEAD OF YOU,
WITH SO MUCH
TO LIVE FOR. SO
MANY BETTER
THINGS TO DO.

SO
PLEASE...
JUST LET
ME GO...

NO...

I DON'T
WANT TO.



SO
AFRAID
OF THE
DARK.

THAT
POOR...

LOST
LITTLE
GIRL...

JUST
SHIVERING
IN THE
COLD...

I KNOW
SHE'S OUT
THERE
SOMEWHERE.

WOULD
YOU HELP
ME FIND
HER?

THEN...

I DON'T
HAVE ANYTHING
BETTER TO DO,
OR ANYTHING
WORTH LIVING
FOR.

BUT...

I
DON'T...

YOU'RE
WRONG
ABOUT
ME.

IF I COULD
AT LEAST DO
SOMETHING FOR
YOU, MAYBE MY
LIFE COULD MEAN
SOMETHING
AFTER ALL.

SO I...

YOU
MEAN
IT?



SHE'S
BEEN ALL
ALONE FOR
SO LONG...

JUST
WAITING FOR
SOMEONE TO
FIND HER.



TOMOYA-
KUN...



ONLY YOU
CAN DO THIS.
YOU'RE MY
ONLY LIGHT IN
THE DARK.

BECAUSE
YOU ALONE
CAN SEE ME.
AND YOU
ALONE CAN
HEAR MY
VOICE.



SO COME
AND FIND
ME.



FIND MY
CORPSE.

Summer Ghost

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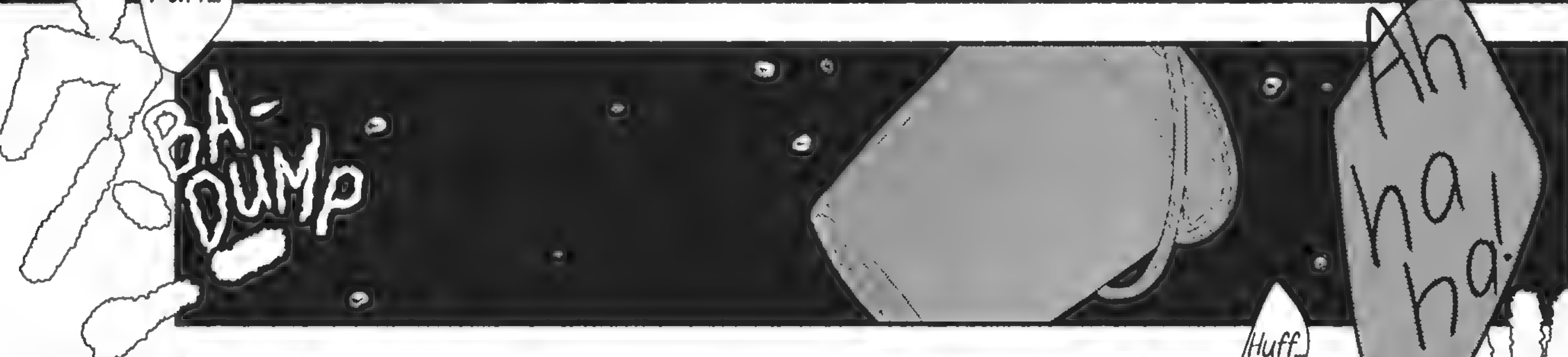




Huff...

Ah ha ha!

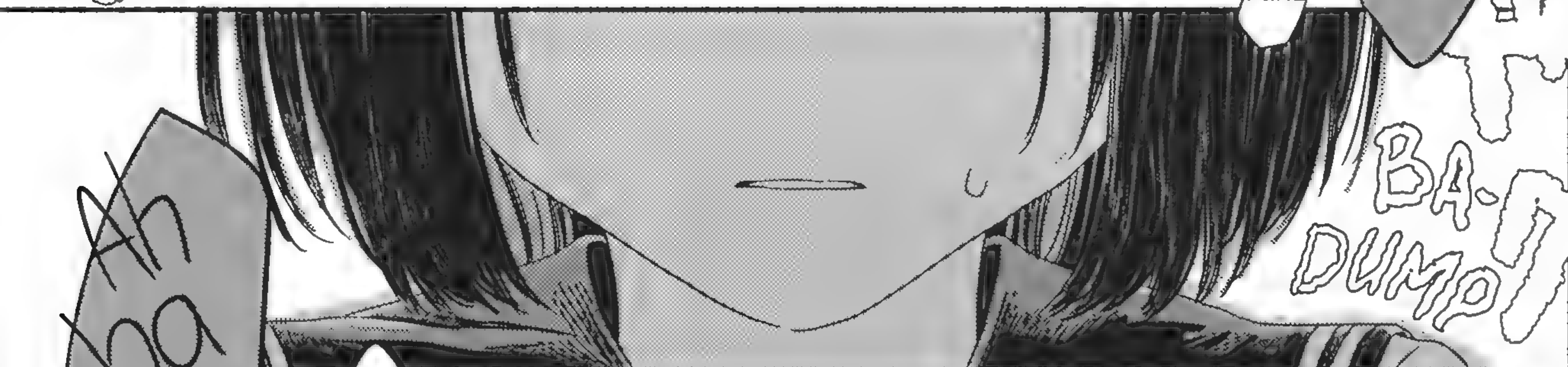
Huff...



Ah ha ha!

Huff...

BA-DUMP



BA-DUMP

Huff...

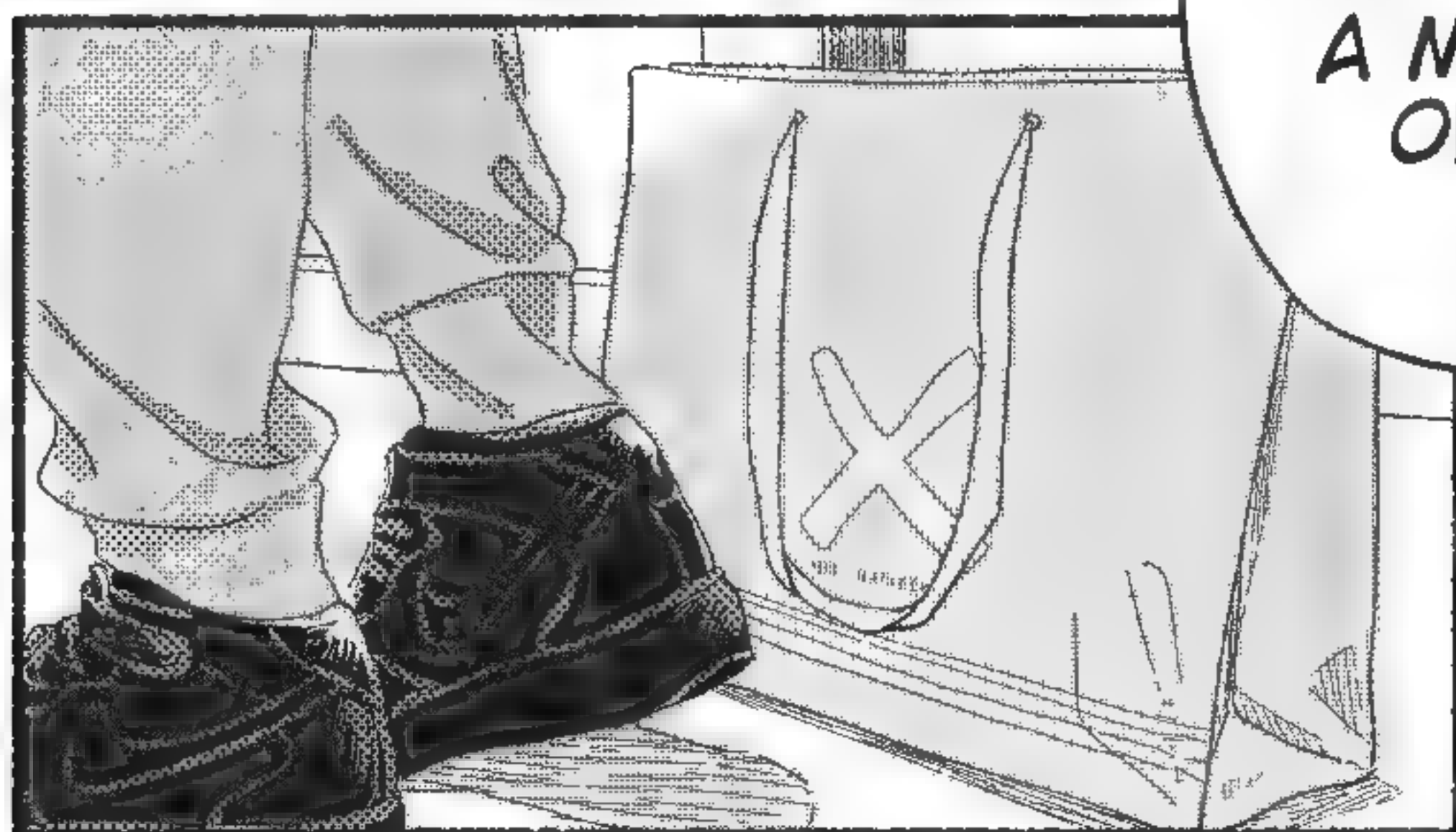
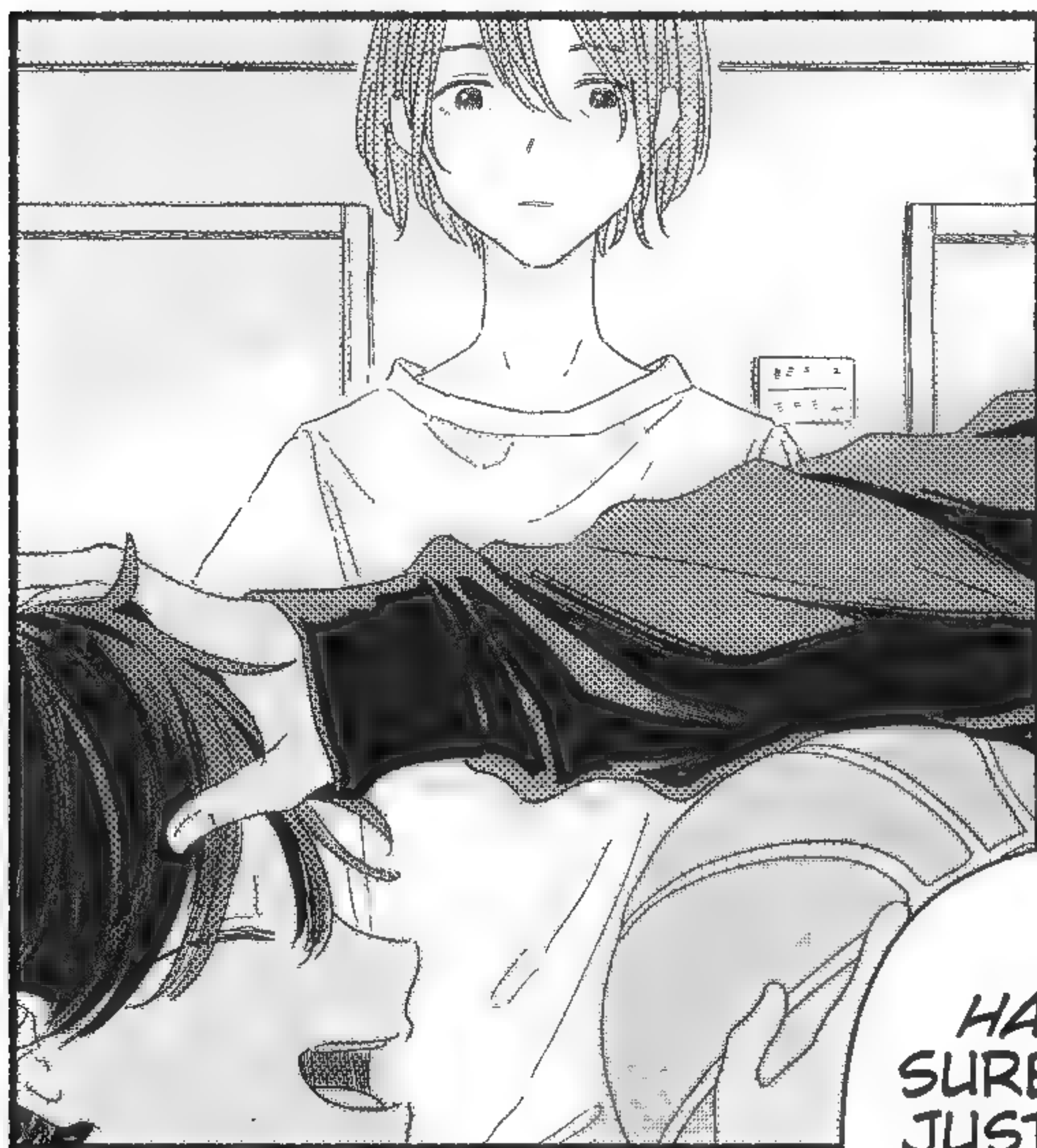


Huff...

BA-DUMP



RYO-KUN!



HA HA...
SURE THING.
JUST GIMME
A MINUTE,
OKAY?





GOT
SOME
TESTS
THEY
NEED TO
RUN.

JUST
FOR A
COUPLE
DAYS,
THAT'S
ALL.



ARE YOU...
BEING
ADMITTED
AGAIN?



ALWAYS
MAKING
TIME TO
PLAY WITH
HIM.

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH
FOR...



HECK
YEAH.
COME ON
OVER.



WAIT,
CAN I COME
HANG OUT IN
YOUR ROOM
LATER?!



WELL,
FOLKS...

LOOKS
LIKE SECOND
SEMESTER'S
FINALLY
UPON US.

NEXT
WEEK, WE'LL
BE DIVING
HEADFIRST
INTO PRACTICE
EXAMS...

ALONG WITH
SUPPLEMENTARY
WORK FOR YOUR
RESPECTIVE
SCHOOLS OF
CHOICE...



DON'T
MENTION
IT...



WHAT
IS THIS
PLACE?



THOUGH
MY MOTHER
LIVES HERE
BY HERSELF
NOW.



MY OLD
HOUSE.



IT WAS
THREE
YEARS
AGO...

ON A
NIGHT OF
POURING
RAIN.



MOM AND I
GOT INTO A
FIGHT, AND I
SAID SOME
HORRIBLE
THINGS...

THINGS NO
ONE SHOULD
EVER SAY
TO THEIR
MOTHER.



I DON'T EVEN
REMEMBER
WHAT
STARTED IT.

PROBABLY
SOMETHING
TOTALLY
STUPID.



I STORMED
OUT OF THE
HOUSE...



AND RAN
STRAIGHT
INTO THE
DOWNPOUR.



IT
DIDN'T TAKE
LONG IN THE
BITTER COLD
FOR ME TO
REALIZE HOW
IMMATURE I
WAS BEING.

I KNEW
I'D HAVE TO
APOLOGIZE
SOONER OR
LATER.

SO I
STARTED
HEADING
BACK
HOME...



BUT JUST
AS I WAS
CROSSING
THE
STREET...

SOME CAR
RAN A RED
LIGHT AND
HIT ME.



SOUNDS
PRETTY
STUPID,
DOESN'T
IT?

BUT IT
DIDN'T END
THERE.

SO THEN...
THAT'S HOW
YOU--





YOU'D
THINK THAT
WOULD BE
A GOOD
THING,
RIGHT?



BECAUSE,
YOU SEE...I
WAS STILL
ALIVE.



BUT WHEN I
NEXT AWAKE,
I FOUND
MYSELF
TRAPPED...

IN A
DARK
LITTLE
CLAUSTRO-
PHOBIC
SPACE.



ALL I COULD
DO WAS LISTEN
AS THEY PILED
ON THE DIRT,
BURYING ME
ALIVE...

IT WAS
TERRIFYING.

I'D BEEN
CRAMMED INTO
SOME SORT
OF BOX AND
CARRIED OFF.

UNTIL
EVENTUALLY, I
COULDN'T HEAR
ANYTHING AT
ALL.

I WAS IN SO
MUCH PAIN,
SUFFOCATING.
UNABLE TO EVEN
CRY OUT FOR
HELP.

THE SOUND
OF PASSING
TRAINS
GROWING
FAINTER
WITH EVERY
SHOVELFUL...



AND
THAT'S MY
LAST LIVING
MEMORY.



THEY NEVER
FOUND ME. THE
KILLER GOT OFF
SCOT-FREE.



SHE'S STILL
TOTALLY
CONVINCED
THAT I MUST
BE ALIVE
OUT THERE
SOMEWHERE.

IF ANYTHING,
I JUST FEEL
BAD FOR MY
MOTHER, WHO
CAN'T SEEM TO
MOVE ON.



BUT I'M
NOT EVEN ALL
THAT UPSET
ABOUT BEING
MURDERED
ANYMORE.



BUT
I FIGURE
IF I COULD
AT LEAST
SEND MY BODY
HOME TO HER
SOMEHOW...



I KNOW IT'S
TOO LATE
FOR ME TO
APOLOGIZE
FOR THAT
NIGHT.



NO.

ONLY
FOR THE
FIRST FEW
WEEKS, IF
THAT.



AND
YOU'VE BEEN
LOOKING
ALL THESE
PAST THREE
YEARS?



I MEAN,
I'M JUST A
GHOST, IN
THE END.



I GAVE
UP ON THE
IDEA PRETTY
QUICK.

EVEN IF I
FOUND IT,
IT'S NOT
LIKE I COULD
DIG IT UP,
OR REPORT
IT TO THE
AUTHORITIES.



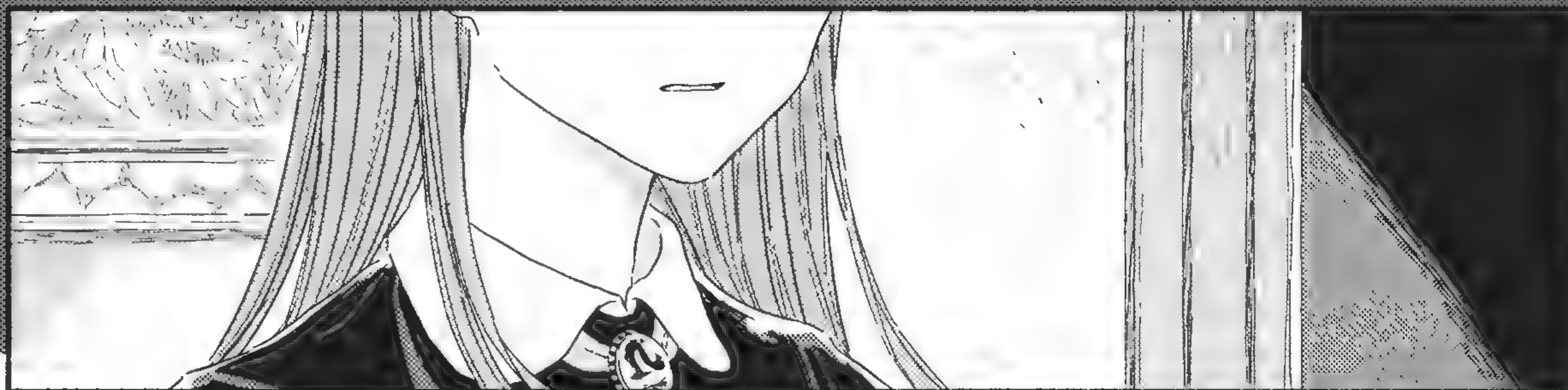
WELL...
ALL RIGHT,
THEN.



WE'LL FIND
YOUR BODY,
AYANE-SAN.
I PROMISE.



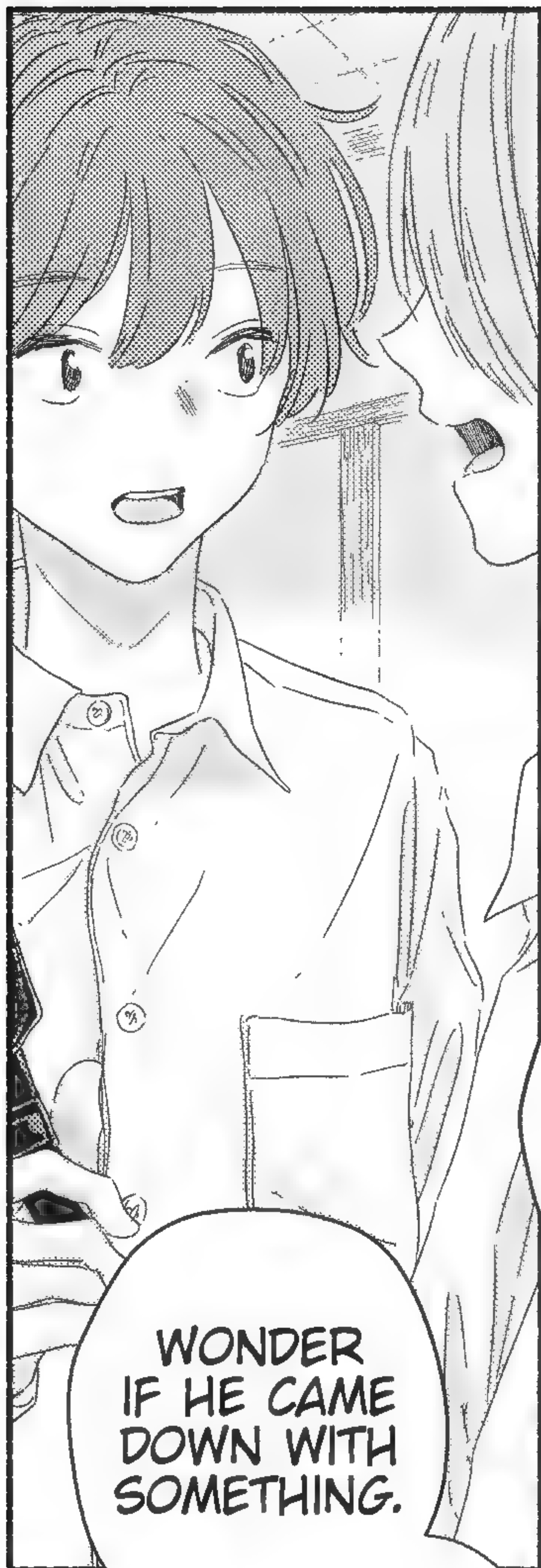
I'LL HELP
YOU.



MAN, IS
TOMOYA
ABSENT
AGAIN
TODAY?



THANK
YOU.



WONDER
IF HE CAME
DOWN WITH
SOMETHING.

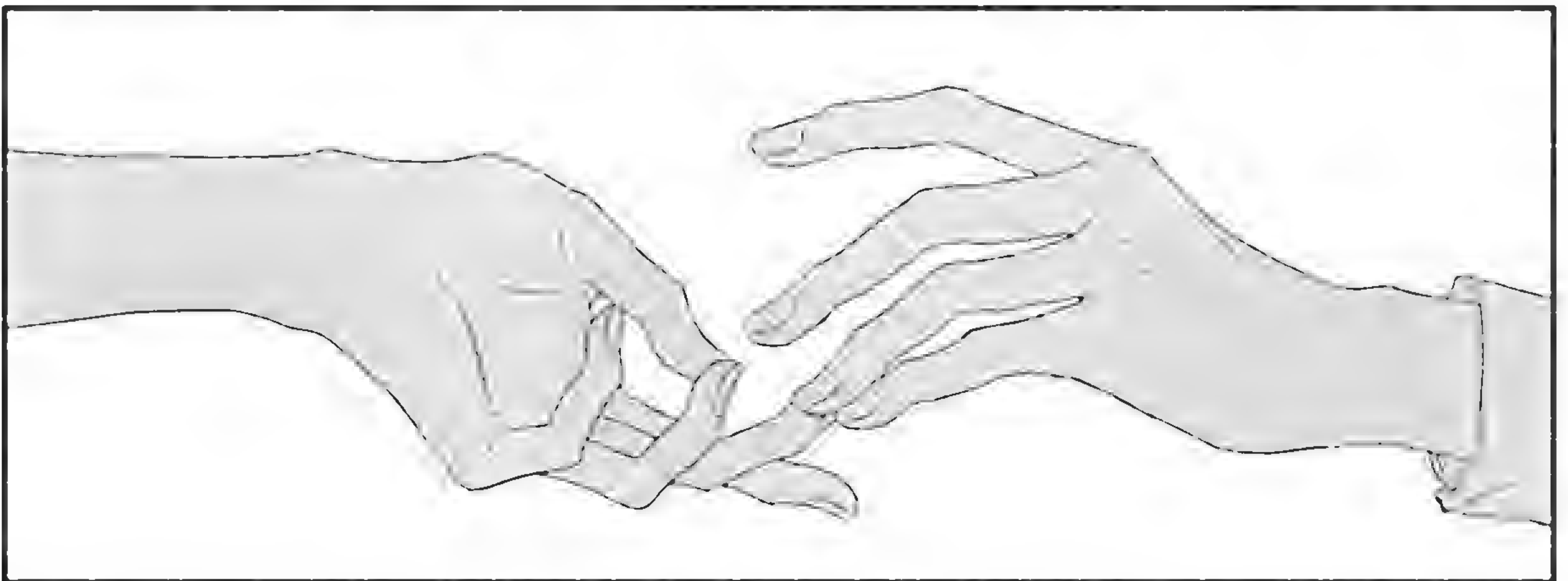


WEIRD.
THAT'S
NOT LIKE
HIM.

HE DIDN'T
SHOW UP
YESTERDAY
EITHER.



DUDE
HAS BEEN
ACTING
PRETTY
OUT OF IT
LATELY.





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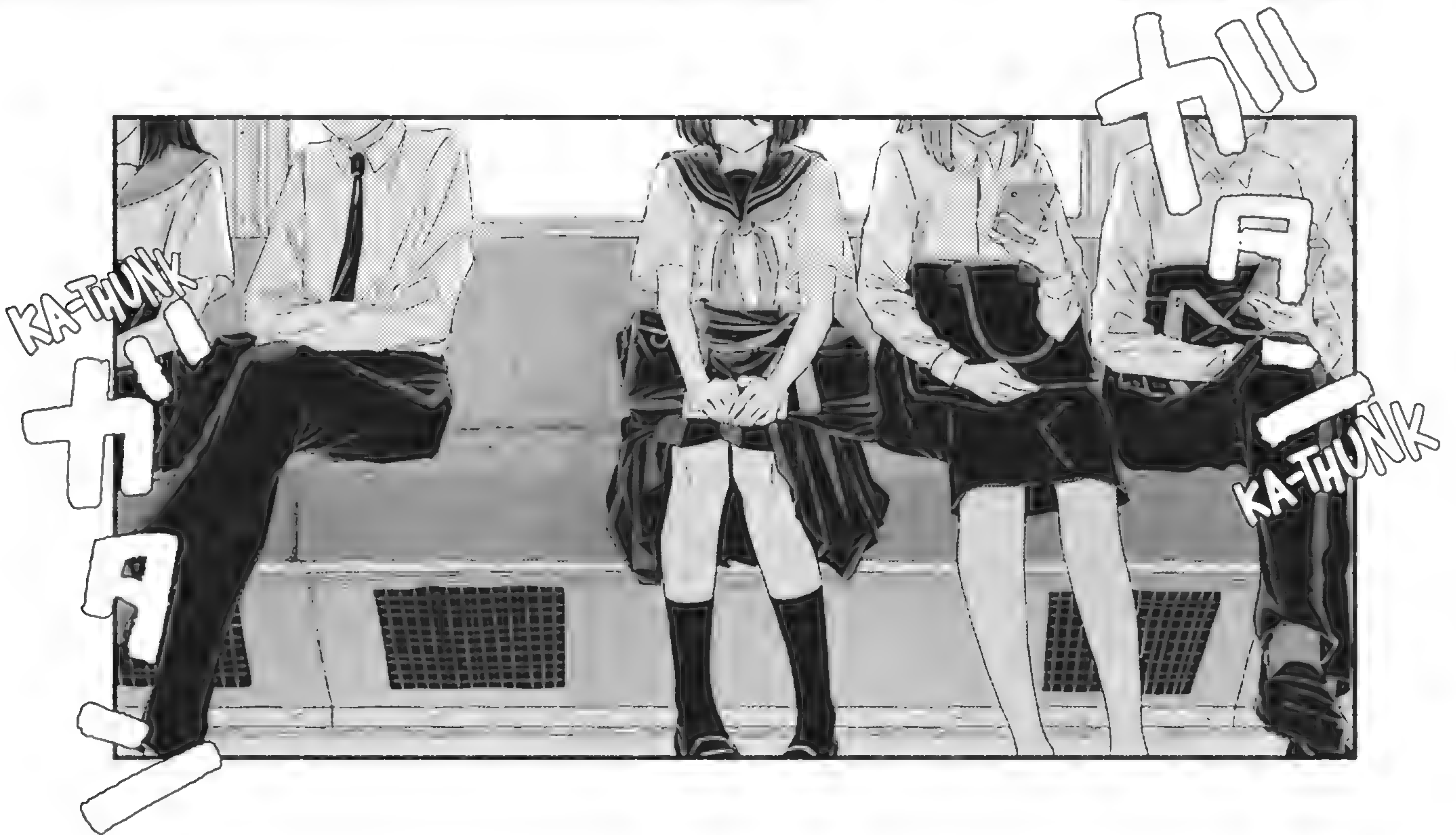


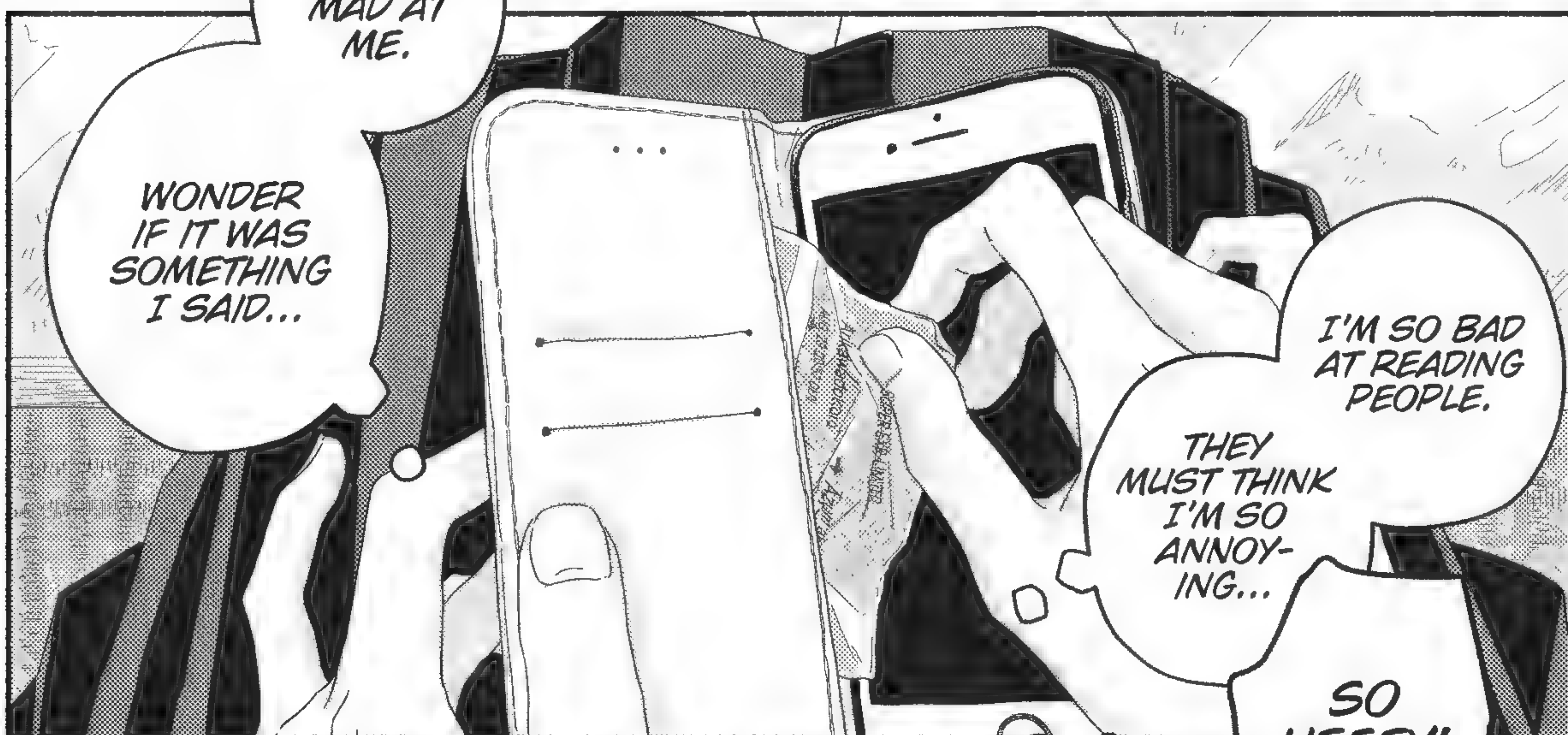
UGH,
I DON'T
WANNA
GO TO
SCHOOL...



MONDAY...

DAD'S
GONNA
BE HOME
TODAY...







Ooh, yeah!
I Wanna
come!

Let's go do
karaoke
tonight!

OH
GOD...



WHAT
AM I
DOING?

Hey!
What's
that supposed
to mean?!

Not
hitting!

Uh, don't you
have a boyfriend
to hang out
with?

I DON'T...

THINK I
CAN...



Ah
ha
ha!

HANDLE...

GOING
TO SCHOOL
TODAY...



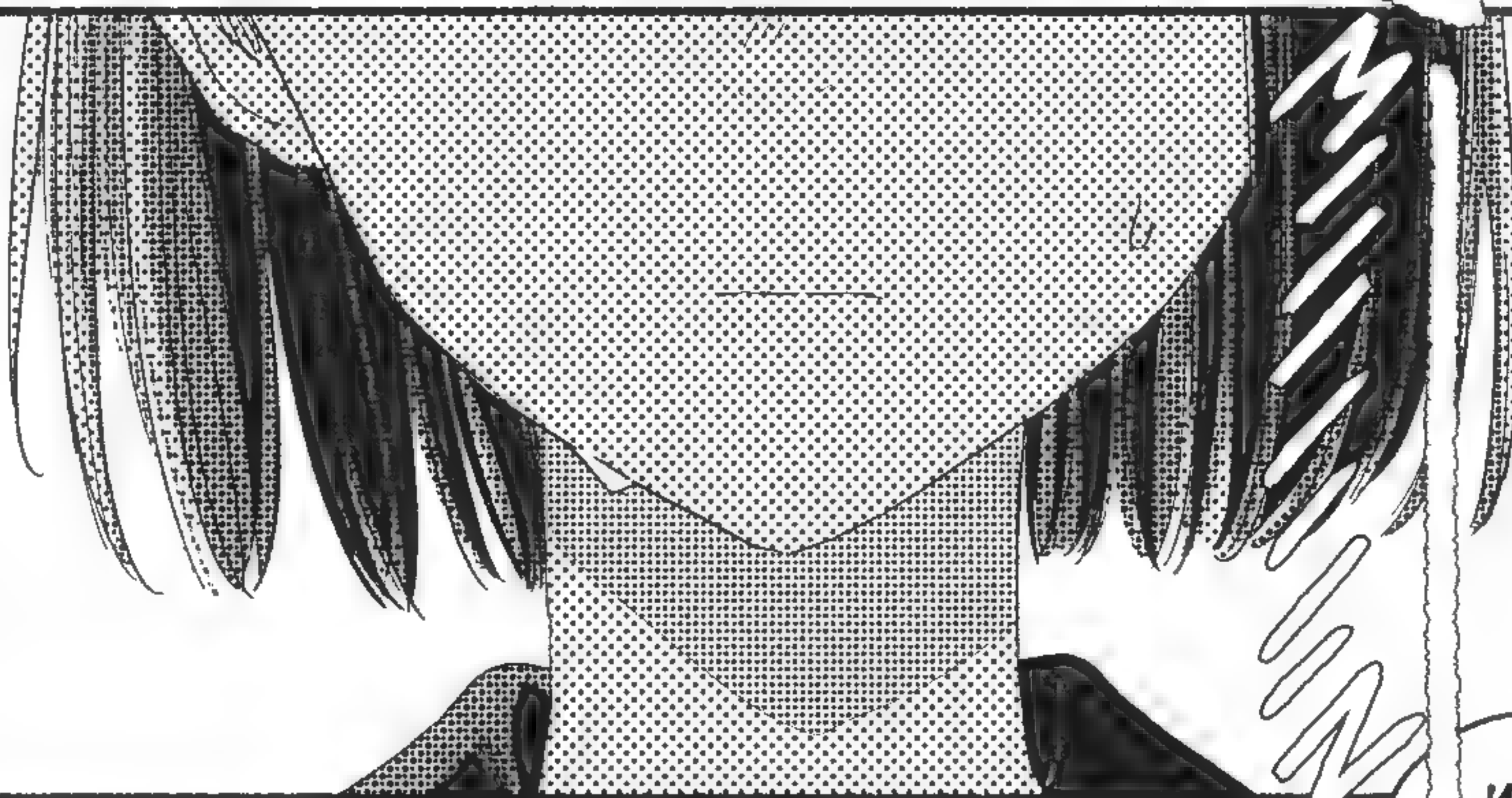
BUT I...







IT'S
SO
HOT...



CAN'T
GO TO A
CAFÉ...

NOT
ALONE.

DO
NOW?

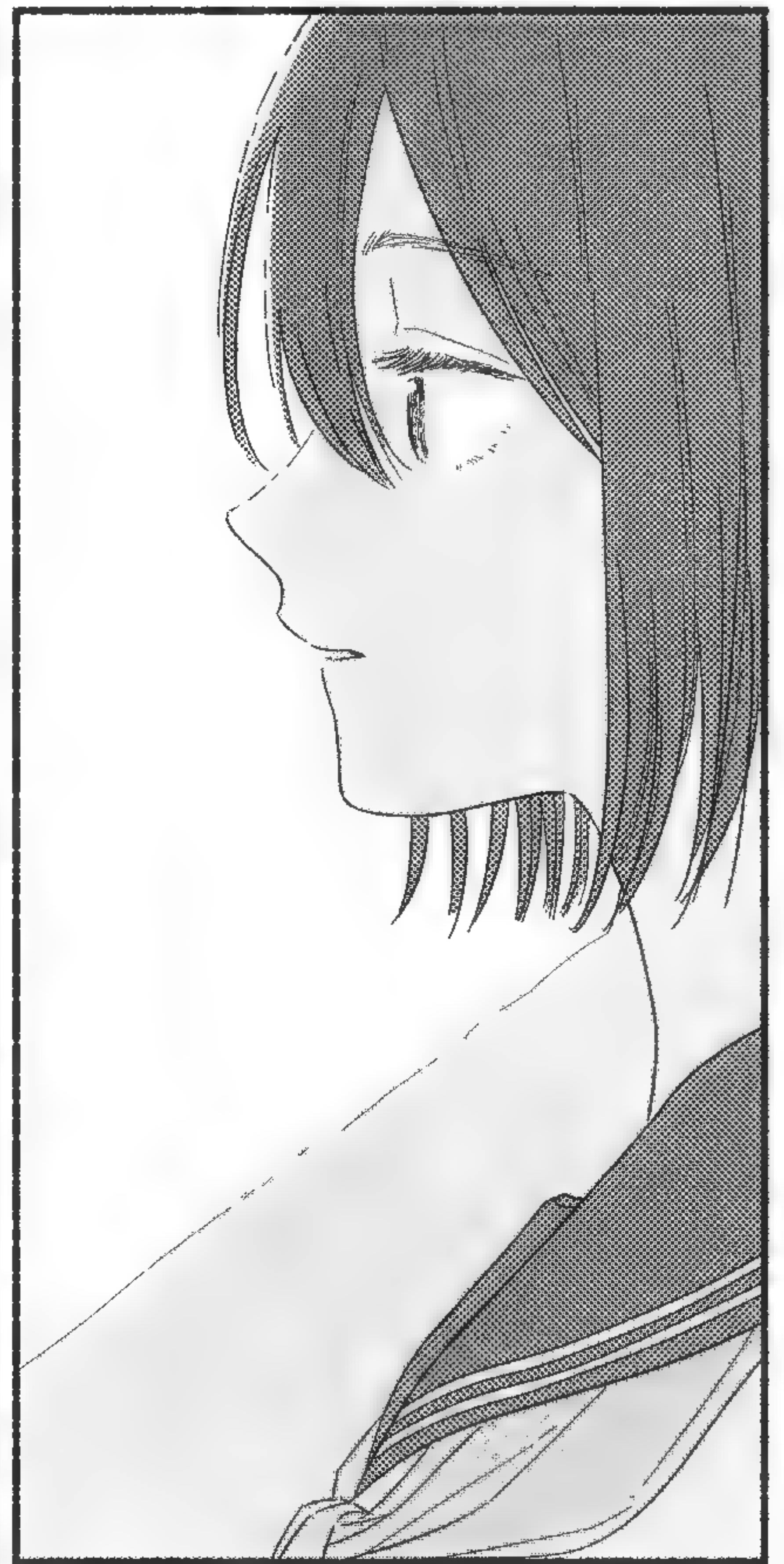
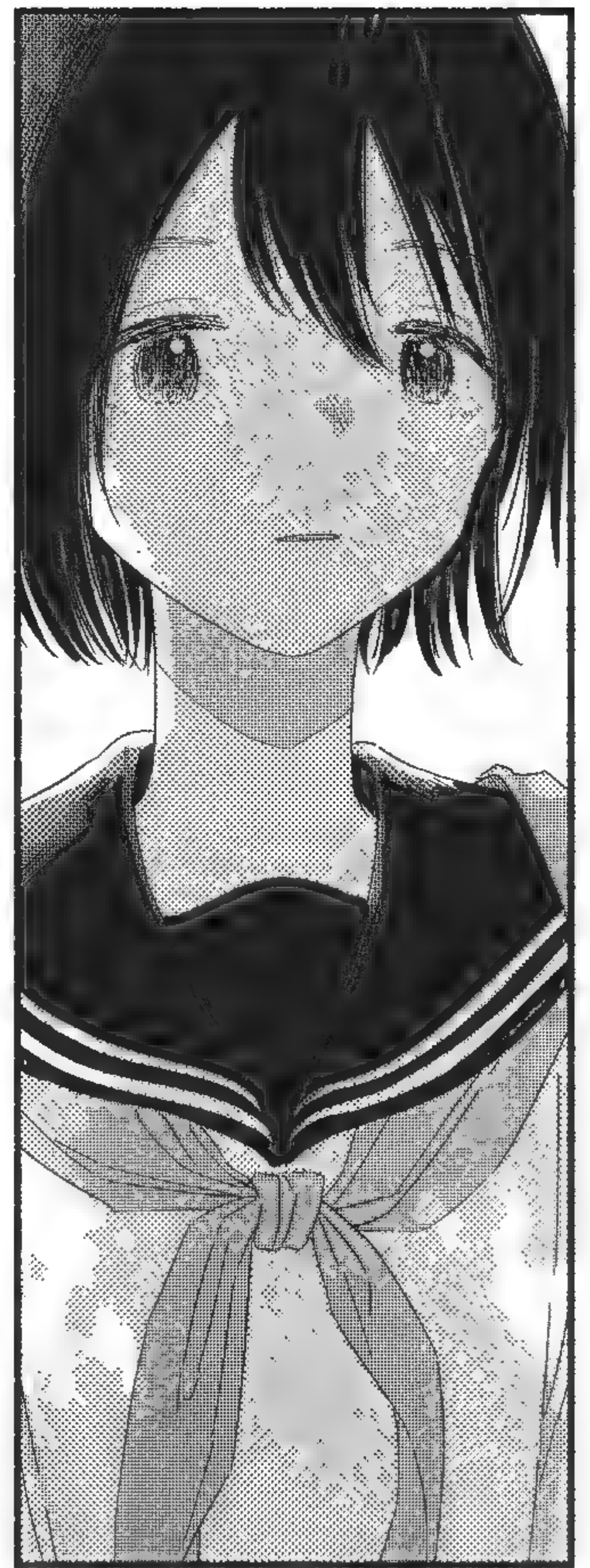
WHAT
DO I
EVEN
...





.....







WHA...?!
NO!

BESIDES,
LOOK
WHO'S
TAL--



I MEAN,
SHOULDN'T
YOU...

BE IN
SCHOOL
TOO?



WOW,
YOU'RE
SKIPPING
SCHOOL?

DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
WERE SUCH
A REBEL,
AOI-CHAN.



O-OH,
IS THAT
ALL...?
HA HA...



OH, YEAH. I
JUST WOKE UP
WITH A MAJOR
HEADACHE
THIS MORNING,
THAT'S ALL.

BUT
I'M FEELING
BETTER NOW,
SO I FIGURED
I'D WANDER
AROUND
TOWN A BIT.



OH...
NO, NO!
THAT'S
OKAY!



JUST BEEN
KINDA BUSY,
Y'KNOW.

FOR NOT
REPLYING.

SORRY,
BY THE
WAY.



WAIT,
REALLY
?!

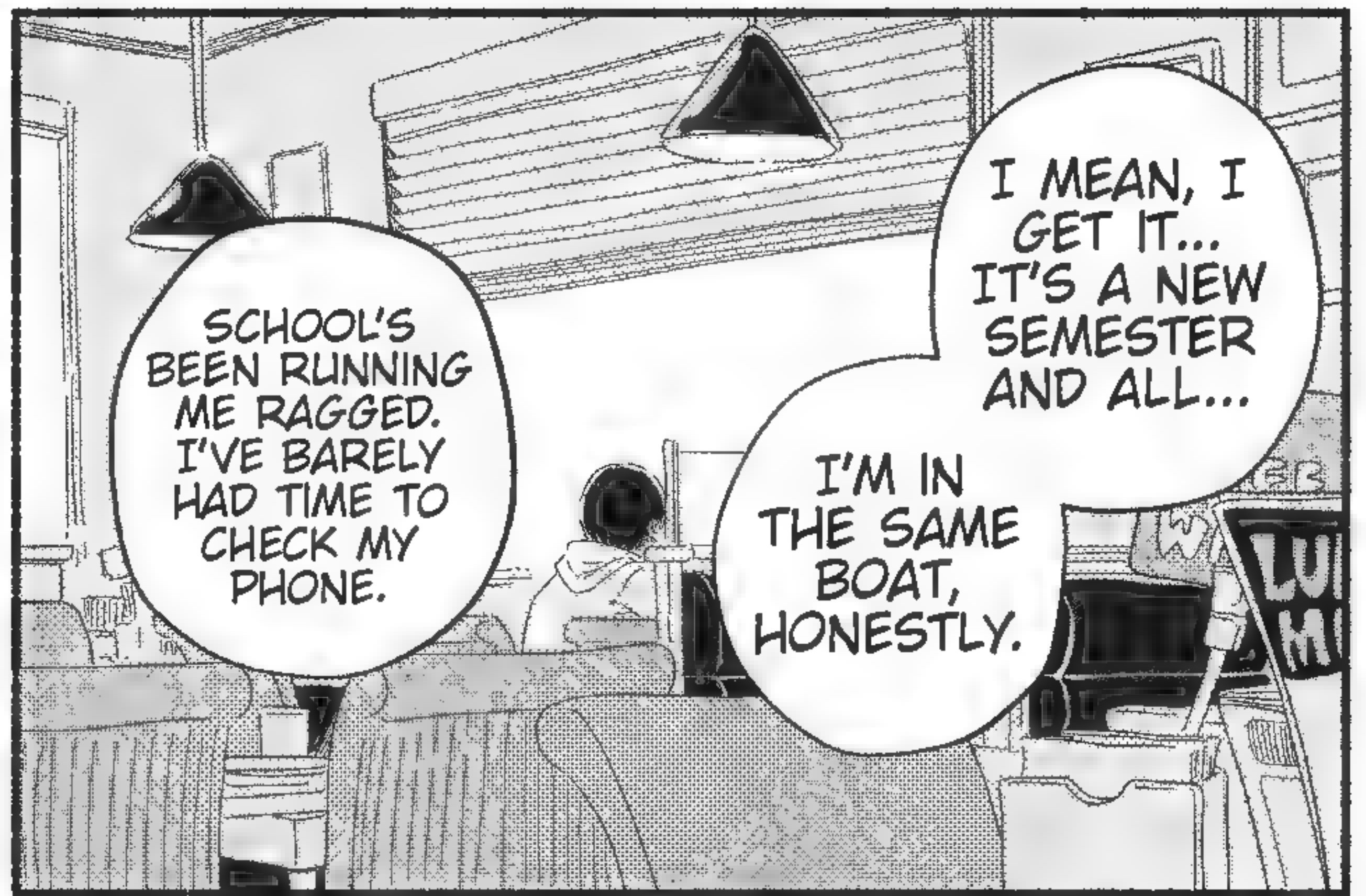
OH, BUT...
I JUST
ORDERED
A WHOLE
PUDDING
PARFAIT OF
MY OWN...

CAME
WITH MY
MEAL,
BUT I'M
TOO FULL
TO EAT
ANOTHER
BITE.

WELL,
HERE.
MAYBE
THIS'LL
MAKE UP
FOR IT A
LITTLE.

YEAH, I
NOTICED.
S'WHY I
THOUGHT
TO OFFER.

MANNN...



SCHOOL'S
BEEN RUNNING
ME RAGGED.
I'VE BARELY
HAD TIME TO
CHECK MY
PHONE.

I'M IN
THE SAME
BOAT,
HONESTLY.

I MEAN, I
GET IT...
IT'S A NEW
SEMESTER
AND ALL...



COOL.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT IT.

SO
YEAH.
IT'S
TOTALLY
FINE.





IT'S...
REALLY
GOOD TO
SEE YOU
AGAIN.







OH GOD,
OH GOD,
OH GOD...

HERE,
PUT THIS
ON!

HURRY!



IF THEY
SEE YOU
PLAYING
HOOKY,
THERE'LL
BE HELL
TO PAY!

AND
YOU'RE
WEARING
YOUR
SCHOOL
UNIFORM!

HUH?!

WH...

WHAT
DO I
DO?!

EVERYONE!

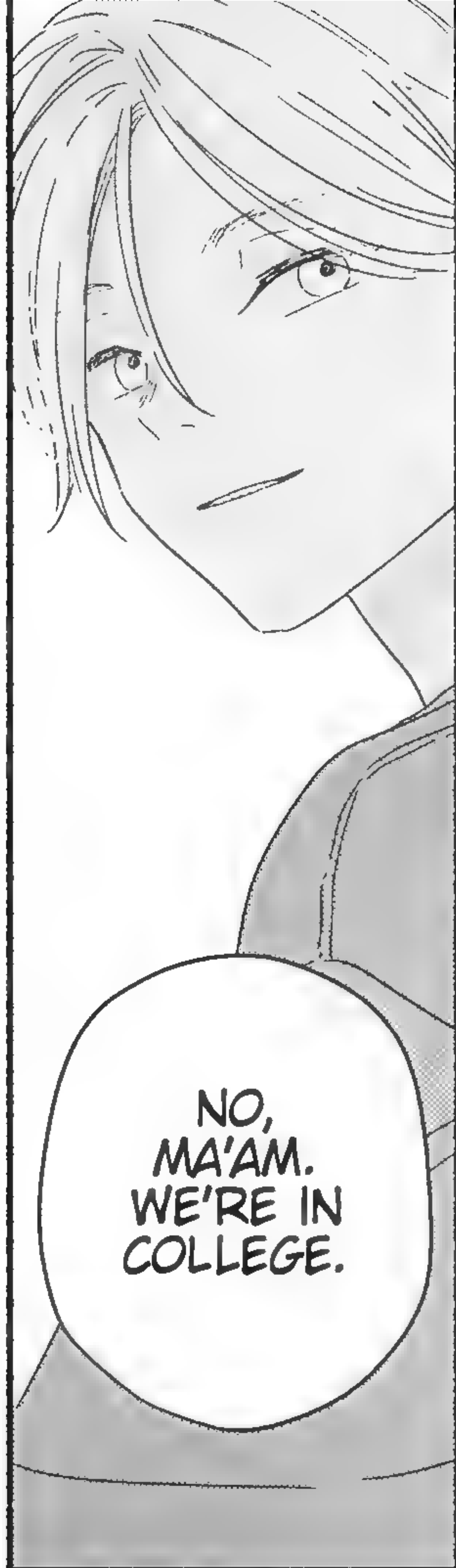
YOUR
PARENTS!

YOUR
TEACH-
ERS!



ARE
THE TWO OF
YOU IN HIGH
SCHOOL?

YOU
THERE...



NO,
MA'AM.
WE'RE IN
COLLEGE.



YOU LADIES
MAKING THE
ROUNDS?

GOOD FOR
YOU. MUST
BE A PRETTY
THANKLESS
GIG.

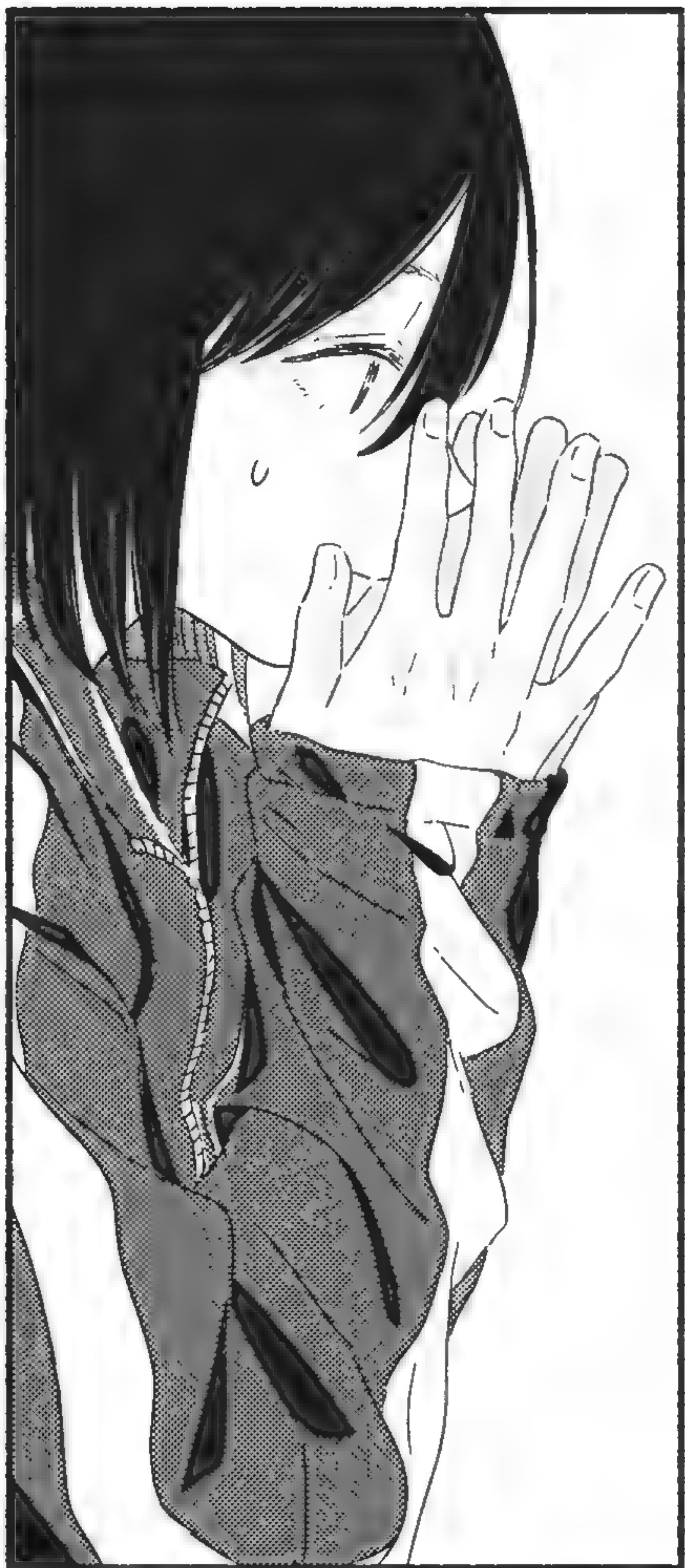
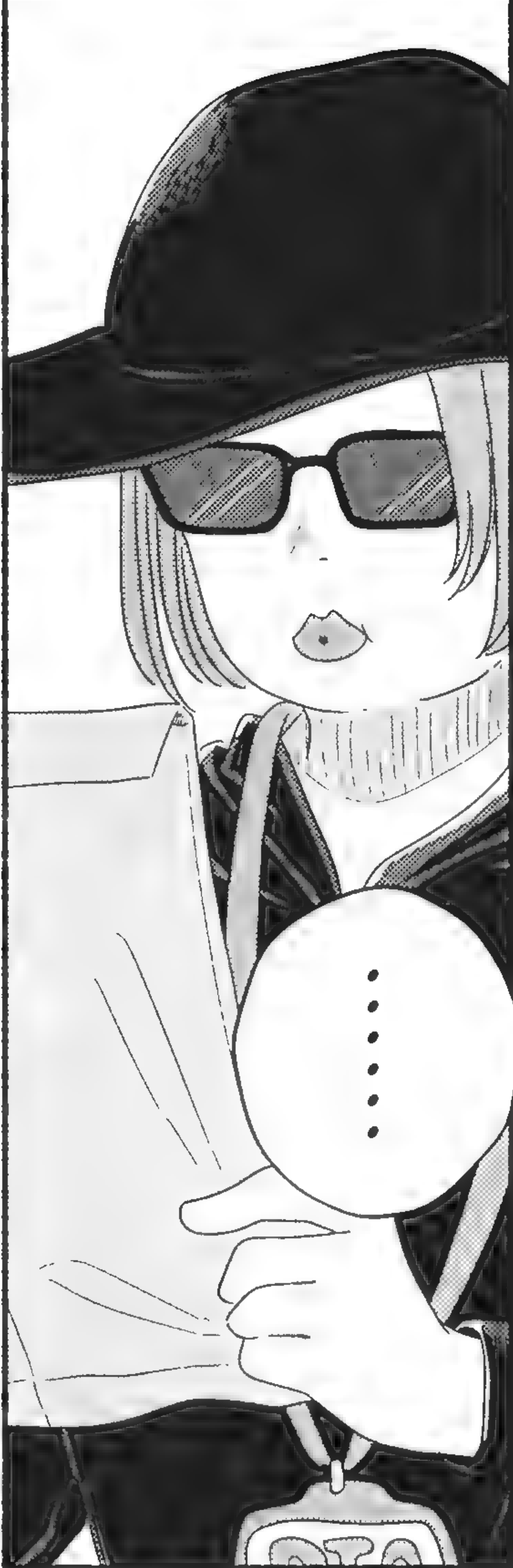


RIGHT
OVER
THERE.



AT THE
UNIVERSITY
MED
SCHOOL.

HERE,
LOOK.





AH HA
HA...
YEAH,
GUESS
NOT.

FOR REAL,
THOUGH.
YOU CAN'T
BE PLAYIN'
HOOKY IN
UNIFORM.

AS IF
EITHER OF
US LOOK
SMART
ENOUGH TO
BE IN MED
SCHOOL!



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THEY
BOUGHT
IT!

HOW
AFRAID OF
SUNBURN
CAN YOU
BE?!

OR
WAS THAT
SUN-
SCREEN
?!

THAT
STUFF WAS
NASTY,
DUDE!

GOD,
I KNOW!
AH HA
HA!

DID YOU
SMELL
THAT
PERFUME?!



MY
BAD!





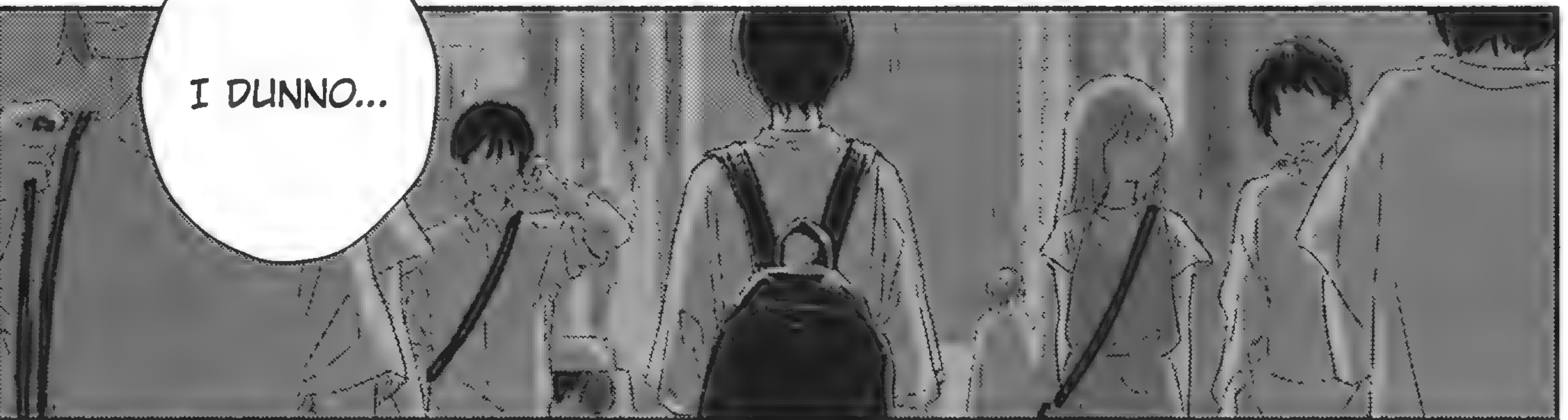
OH,
YEAH...



I WONDER
HOW
TOMOYA-
KUN'S
DOING...



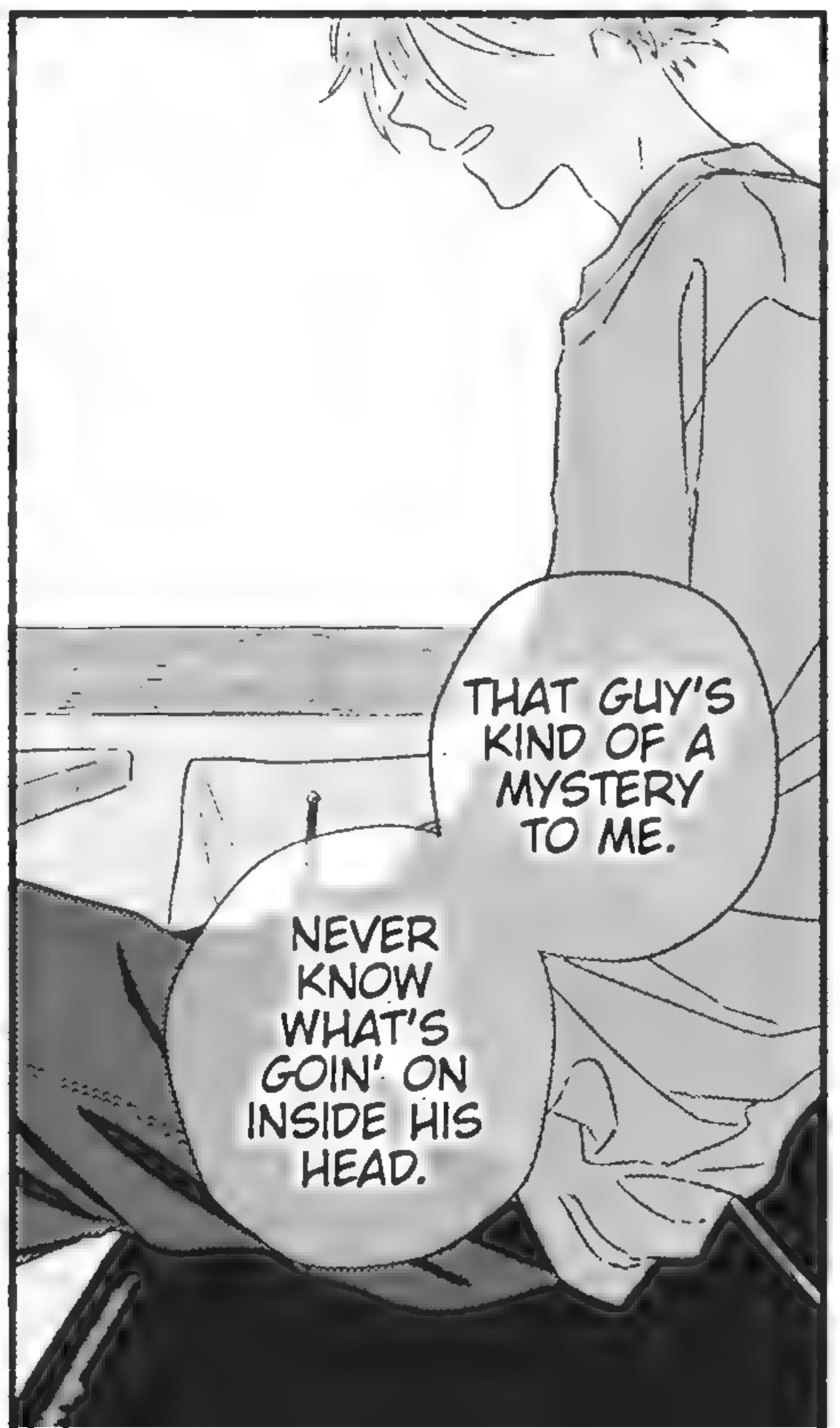
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I DUNNO...

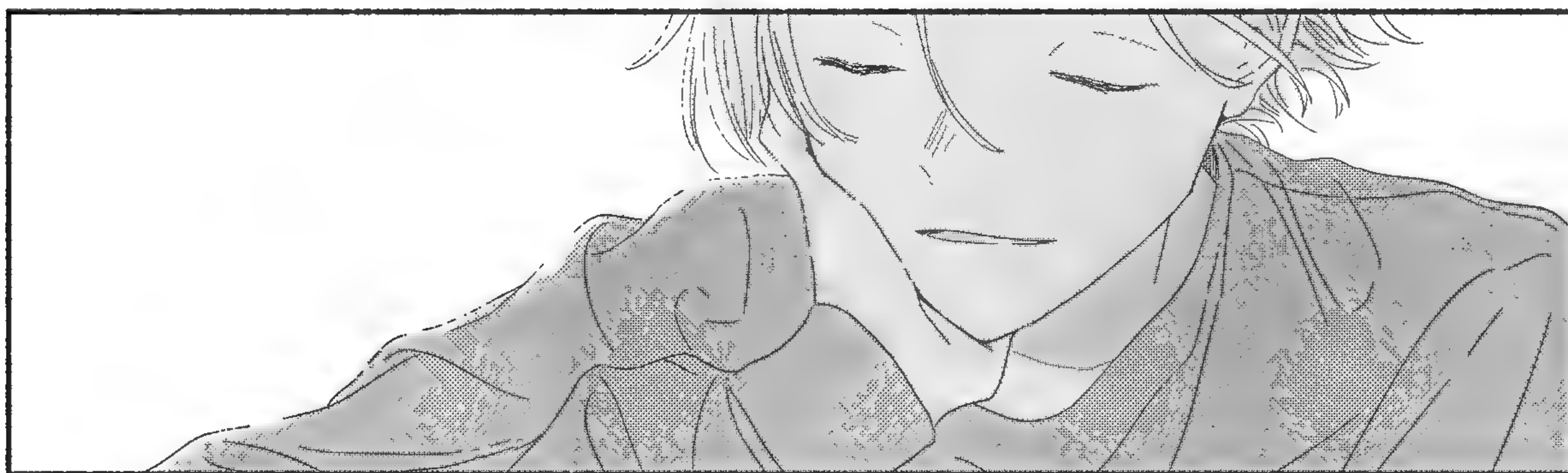
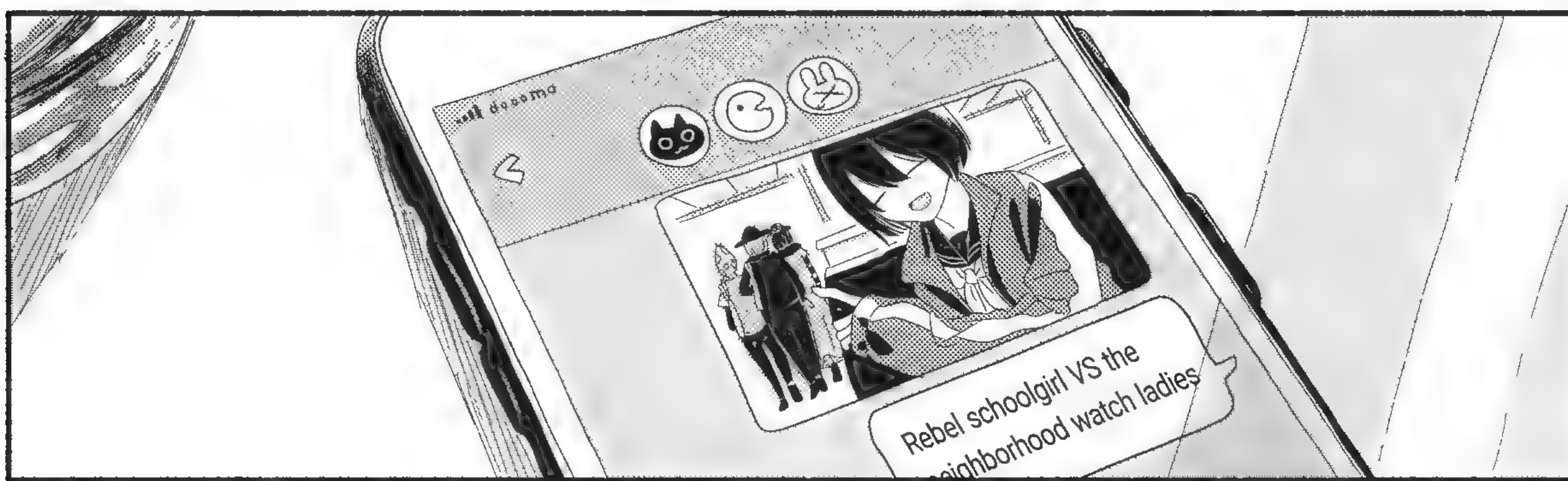


KA
TAP
TAP



THAT GUY'S
KIND OF A
MYSTERY
TO ME.

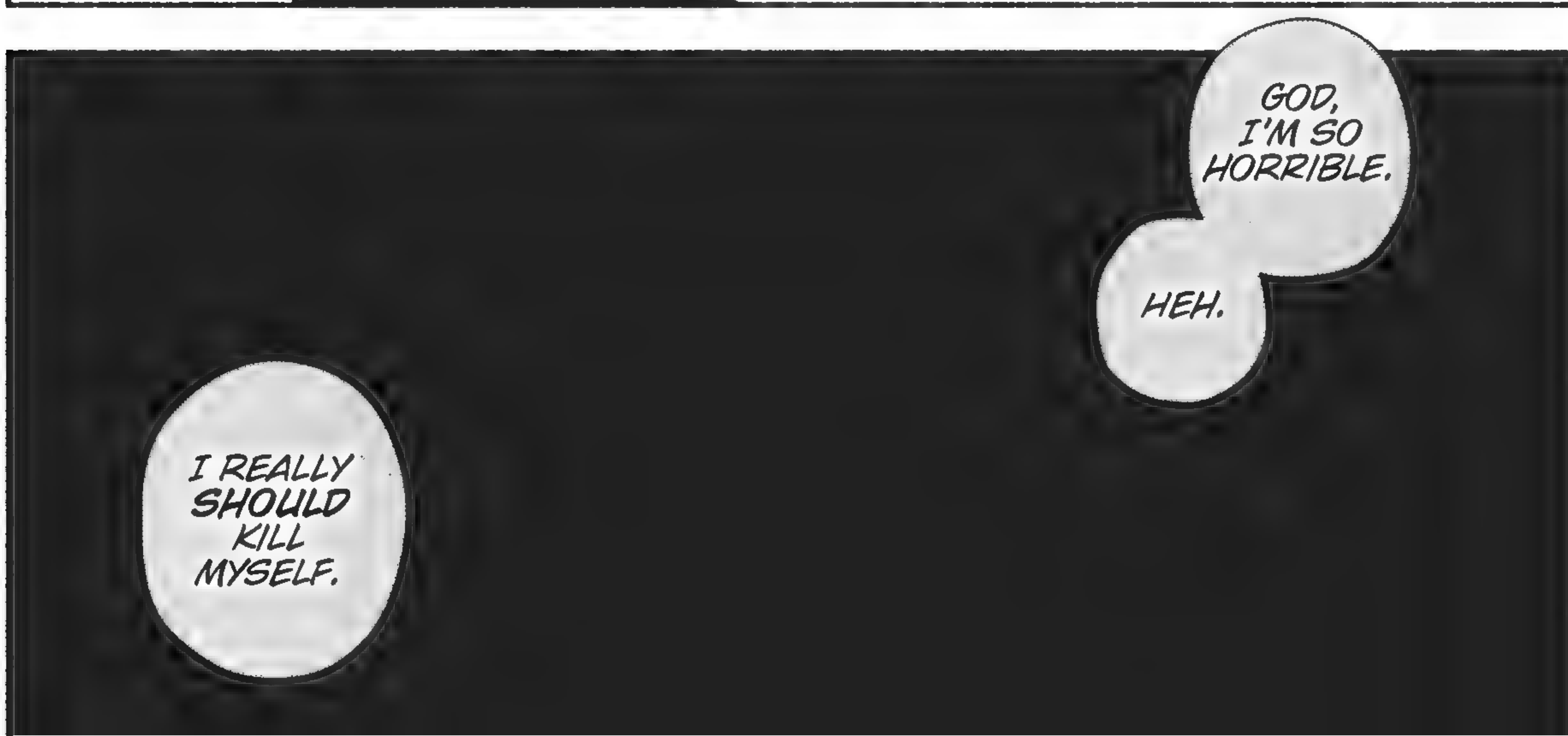
NEVER
KNOW
WHAT'S
GOIN' ON
INSIDE HIS
HEAD.





RYO-KUN'S
DYING, ISN'T
HE?

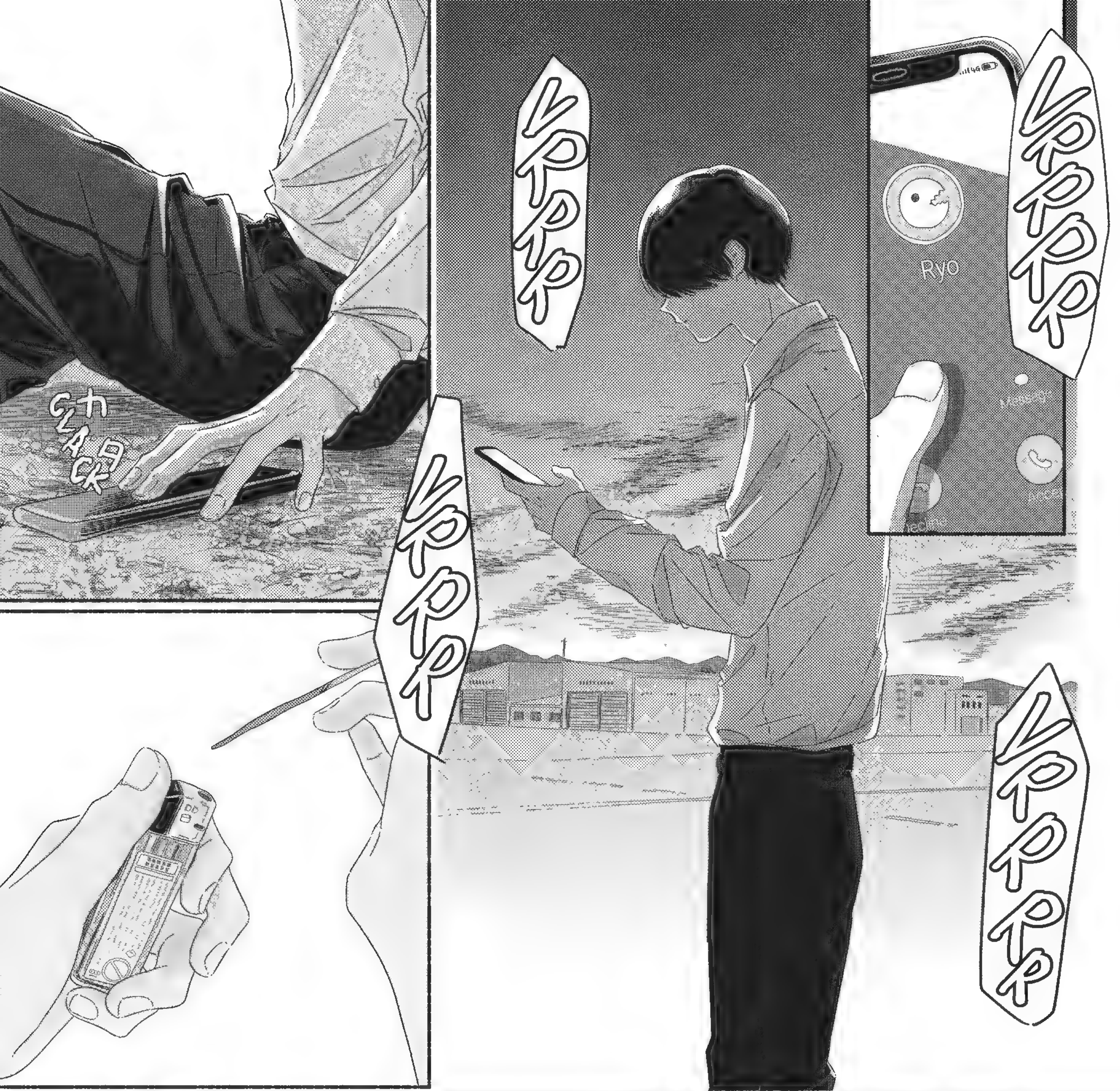
SO
THAT'S
IT.



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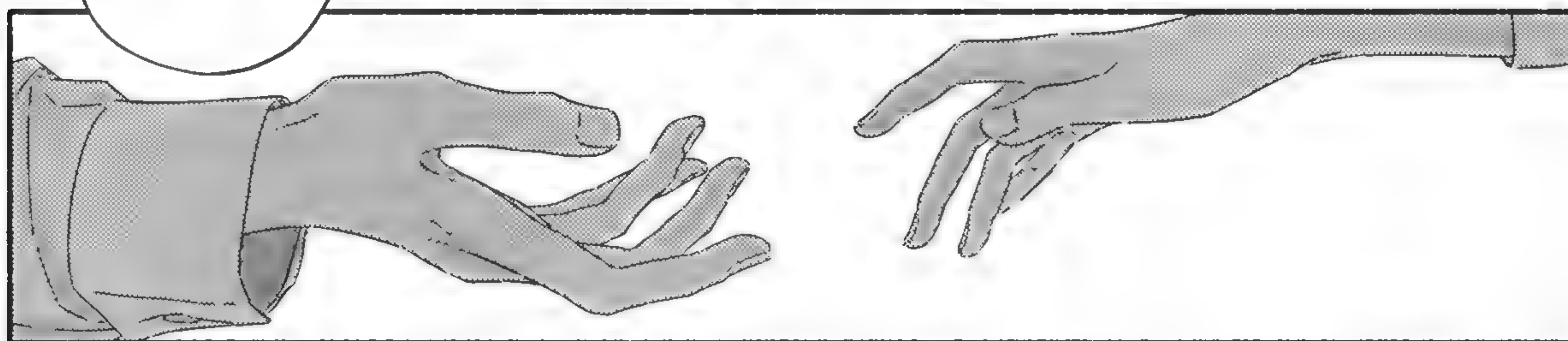






CHIK







ABOUT
THIS.
ABOUT
ME.



WHY NOT?

NOPE.
I SURE
HAVEN'T.



IT HURTS
TOO BAD.

I DON'T
LIKE
BEING
AROUND
THEM...



SEEING
HOW FREE
THEY ARE...

AND HOW
TRAPPED
I AM.



LIKE ANY
OTHER HIGH
SCHOOLER.

I COULD
HAVE
TURNED
OUT LIKE
THEM.

JUST A
NORMAL
KID...

ABLE
TO LAUGH
AND ENJOY
MYSELF WITH
FRIENDS.



IF I'D BEEN
BORN INTO
A SLIGHTLY
DIFFERENT
FAMILY
SITUATION...



MAKES ME
WONDER
JUST HOW
DIFFERENT MY
LIFE COULD BE
RIGHT NOW.



AND I
START
TO HATE
MYSELF
FOR IT.

FOR EVEN
ALLOWING
MYSELF TO
INDULGE IN
SUCH CHILDISH
FANTASIES,
WHEN MY LIFE'S
ALREADY SET
IN STONE.



YOU'VE
GOT
A GOOD
HEART,
TOMOYA-
KUN.



OH...
SORRY,
I GOT A
LITTLE
CARRIED
AWAY
THERE.

I
SHOULDN'T
BE VENTING
TO YOU
ABOUT THIS
STUFF.



ESPECIALLY
WHEN
YOU'RE IN A
MUCH MORE
UNFORTUNATE
SITUATION
THAN I AM.



I WONDER
HOW MUCH
LONGER
YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO
BEAR IT.



BUT AT THIS
RATE, YOU'RE
GOING TO END
UP BEING A
MARTYR.



YET
IT'S THAT
HEART OF
YOURS THAT'S
CAUSING YOU
SO MUCH
PAIN.

ALWAYS
SACRIFICING
YOUR
HAPPINESS
TO NOT BE A
BURDEN
TO ANYONE
ELSE.



SO
TOO WILL
ALL THOSE
WHOSE
HAPPINESS
YOU PLACE
ABOVE YOUR
OWN.

DEATH IS
THE END OF
ALL THINGS,
REMEMBER.

AND JUST
AS YOU
WILL ONE
DAY TURN
TO DUST...

NEW LIVES
WILL BE BORN
TO REPLACE
THEM, AS THE
WORLD YOU
KNOW TODAY
FADES RAPIDLY
INTO THE
PAST...

UNTIL
THERE'S
NO ONE
LEFT ALIVE
WHO EVEN
REMEMBERS
YOU EVER
WERE.

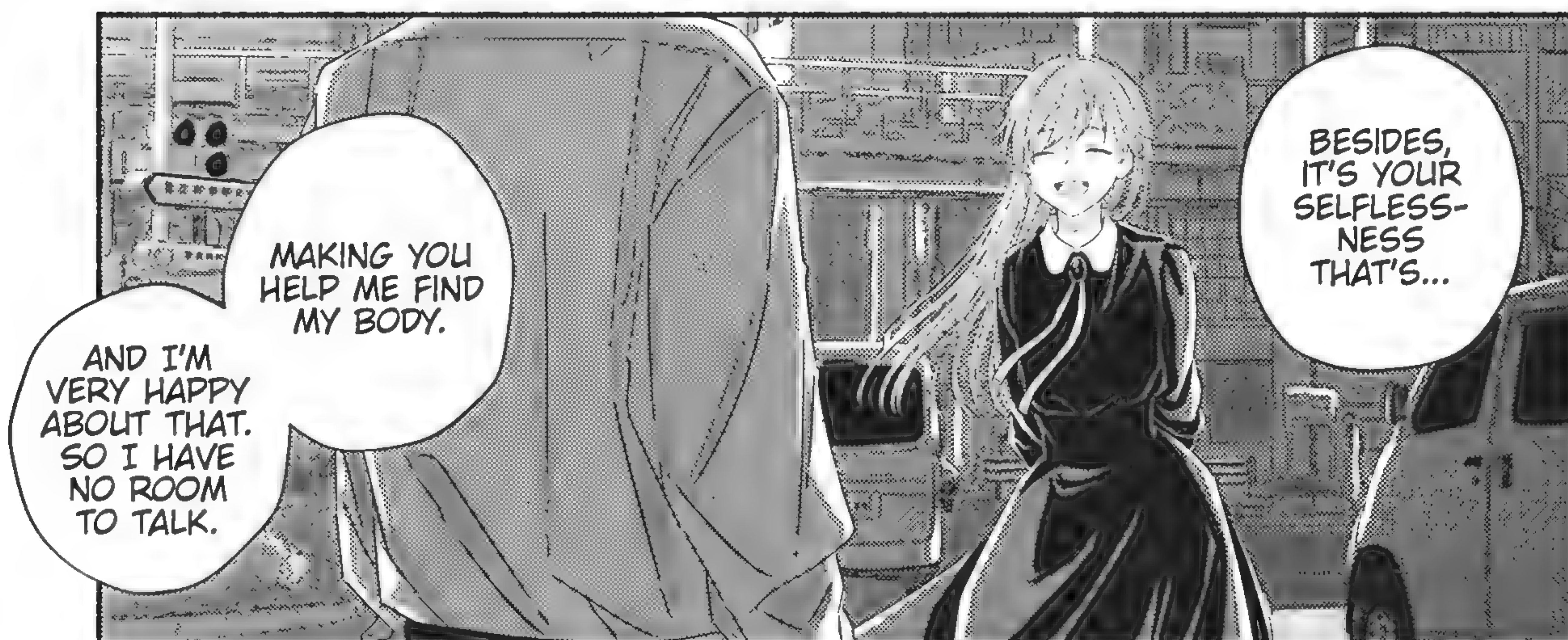
EVERYTHING
AND EVERYONE
YOU'VE EVER
CHERISHED
WILL ONE DAY
BE REDUCED
TO NOTHING.

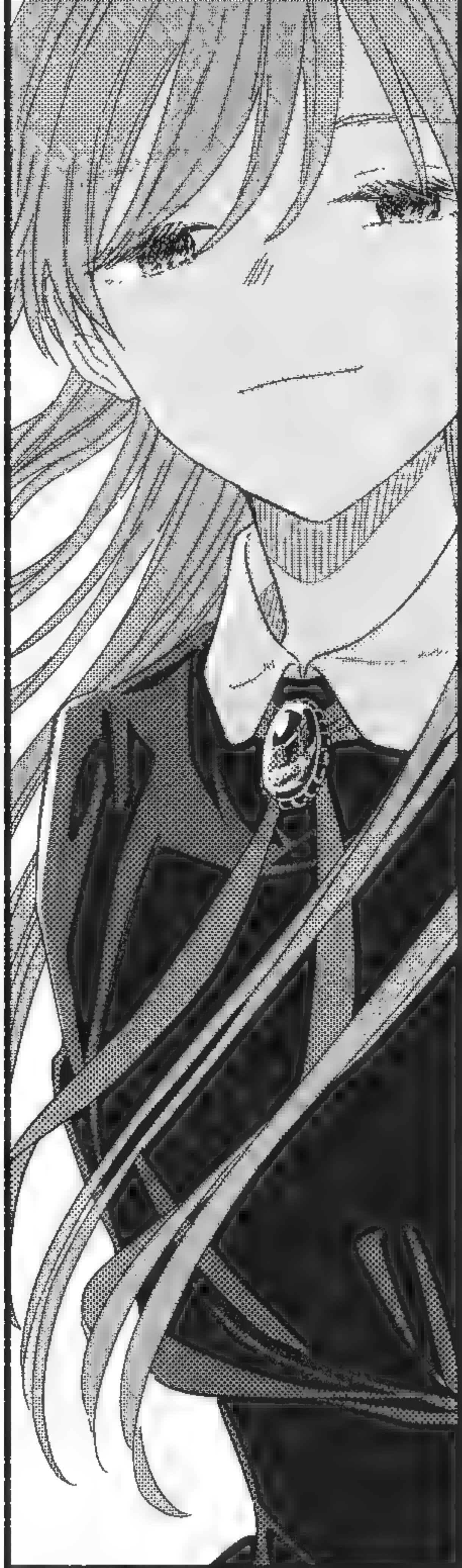
SO
WHY LIVE
YOUR LIFE
FOR THE
SAKE OF
SOMEONE
ELSE?

WHY LET
YOURSELF
GROW
ATTACHED TO
ANYTHING--OR
ANYONE--IN
THIS MATERIAL
WORLD...

WHEN
NONE OF
IT EVEN
MATTERS IN
THE LONG
RUN...
RIGHT?

SORRY,
FORGET
I SAID
THAT.

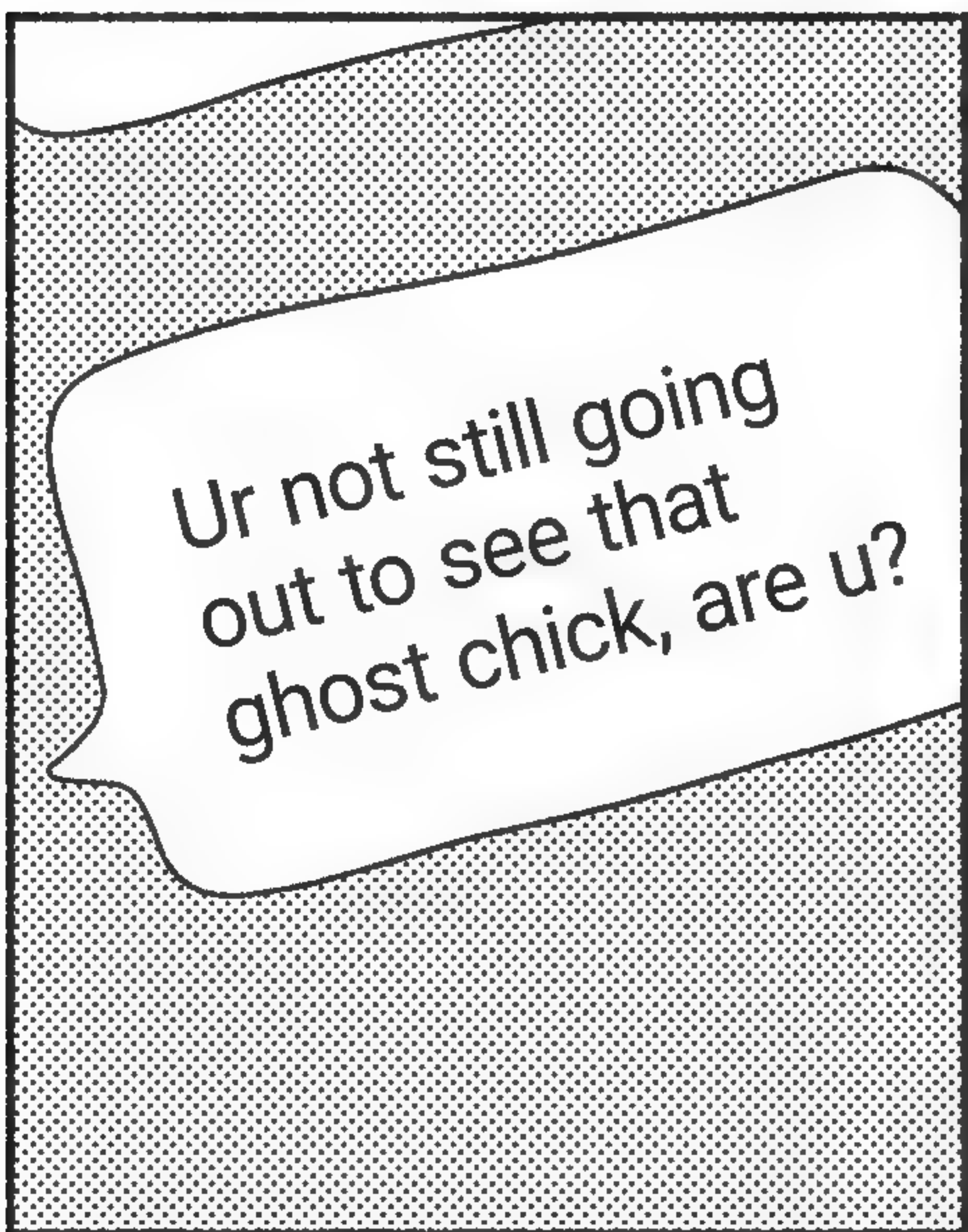
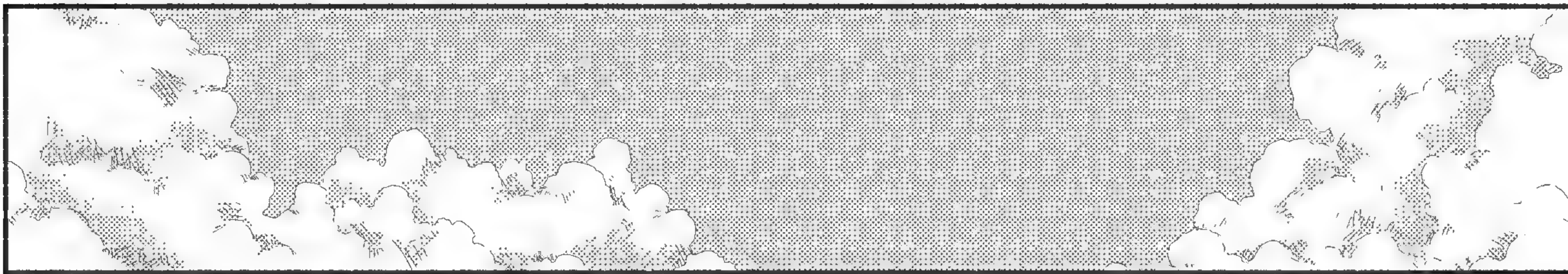




SO I'M JUST
AS HAPPY AS
YOU ARE.

IT'S NOT
OUT OF
SELFLESS-
NESS OR
OBLIGATION
OR ANYTHING
LIKE THAT.

IF ANYTHING,
THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME
IN MY ENTIRE
LIFE I'M DOING
SOMETHING
PURELY
BECAUSE I
WANT TO.



Ur not still going
out to see that
ghost chick, are u?

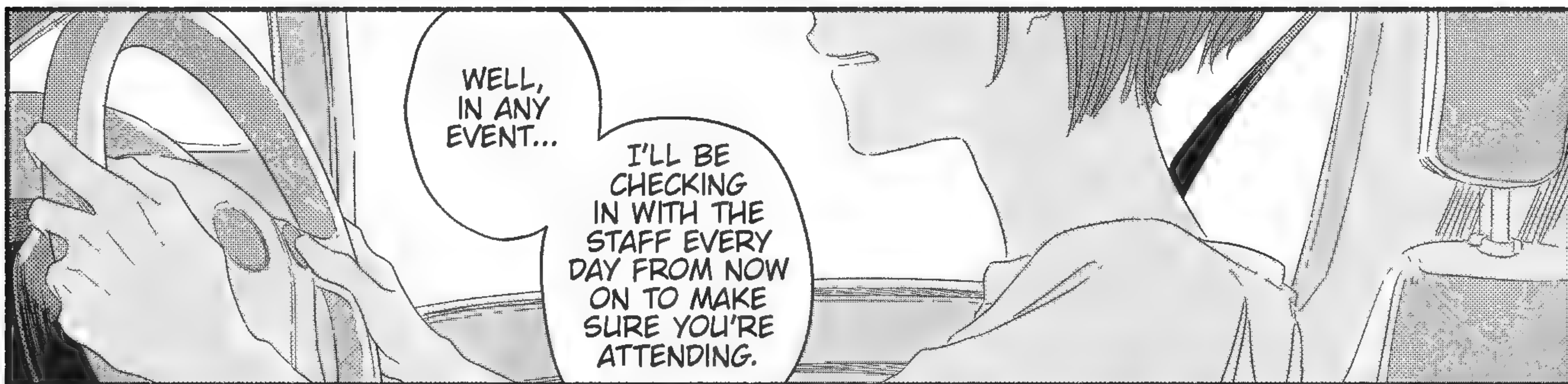


Dude what the hell
have u been up to



PLOK





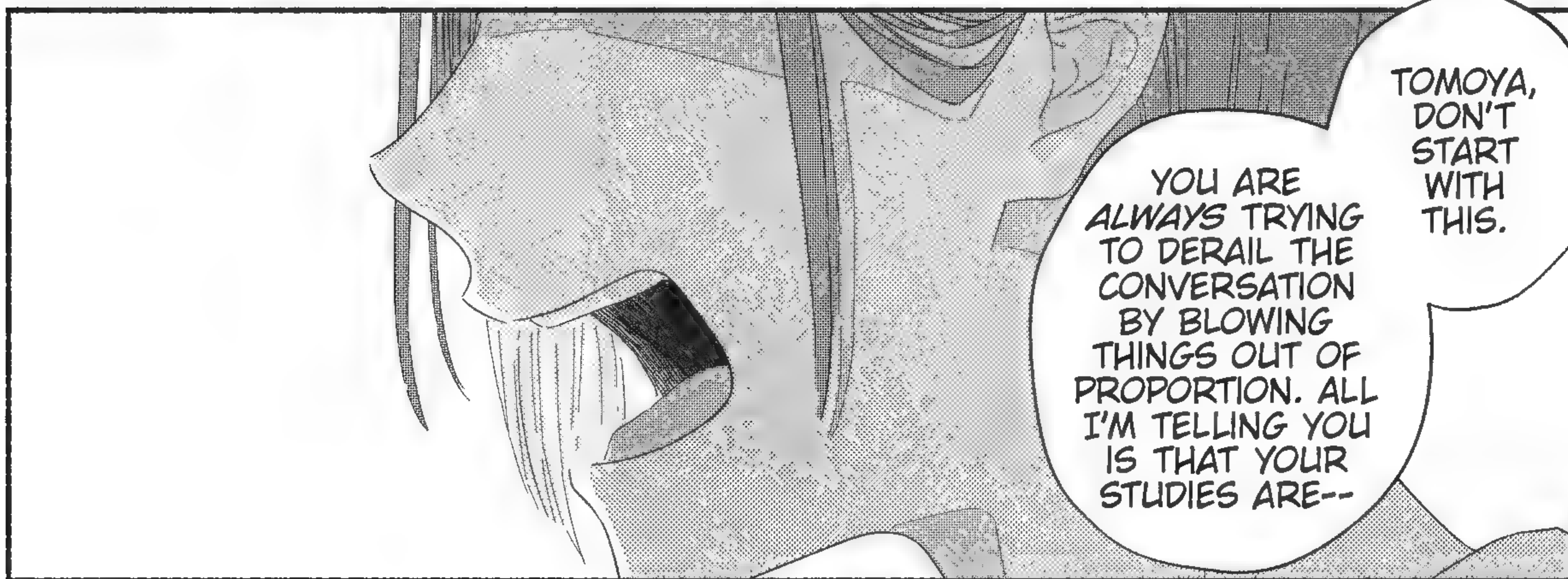


FUTURE?

IS THAT ALL
I SHOULD
CARE ABOUT?
EVEN THOUGH
THERE'S NO
GUARANTEE
I WON'T DIE
TOMORROW?



TO SECURE
A BETTER
FUTURE FOR
YOURSELF,
OBVIOUSLY.



TOMOYA,
DON'T
START
WITH
THIS.

YOU ARE
ALWAYS TRYING
TO DERAIL THE
CONVERSATION
BY BLOWING
THINGS OUT OF
PROPORTION. ALL
I'M TELLING YOU
IS THAT YOUR
STUDIES ARE--

HOW
TO GET
THROUGH
TO YOU, I
MEAN.

AND
MAKE YOU
REALIZE THAT
I REALLY AM
SERIOUS ABOUT
WHAT I SAY.

YOU KNOW,
I'VE BEEN
WONDERING
FOR A LONG
TIME NOW.



WHAT IF I
WENT AND DID
SOMETHING
SO HORRIBLE
I GOT
ARRESTED?

WOULD
REFUSING
TO DO MY
SCHOOLWORK
ALTOGETHER
DO THE
TRICK?

OR PUTTING
UP A LITTLE
RESISTANCE IN
A LANGUAGE
YOU CAN
UNDERSTAND?

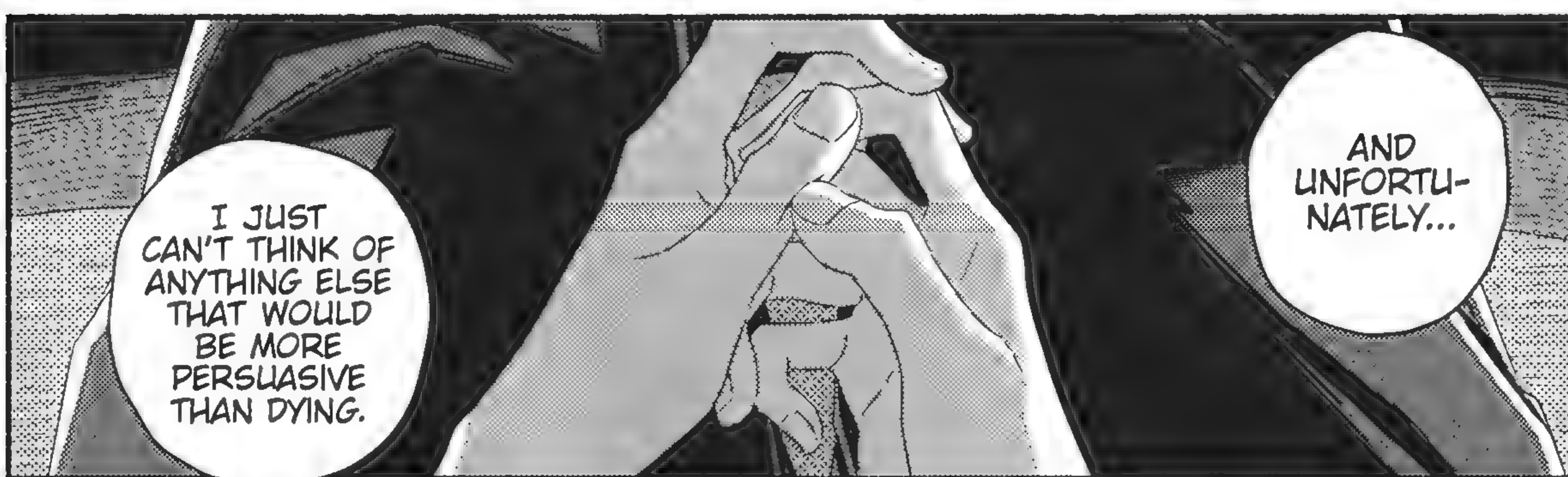


WHAT
IF I
DIED?



BECAUSE
EVEN IF I WERE
TO DIE RIGHT
HERE AND NOW,
I BET YOU *STILL*
WOULDN'T GET
THE MESSAGE.

AT FIRST,
I THOUGHT
THAT MIGHT BE
THE ONLY WAY
TO MAKE YOU
UNDERSTAND. TO
MAKE YOU FEEL
ANYTHING. BUT
NOW I'M NOT
SO SURE.



I JUST
CAN'T THINK OF
ANYTHING ELSE
THAT WOULD
BE MORE
PERSUASIVE
THAN DYING.

AND
UNFORTU-
NATELY...



MOTHER.

DO YOU
REALLY
WANT ME
DEAD THAT
BADLY?



I BET YOU
DO, DON'T
YOU?

I DON'T
BLAME YOU
ONE BIT.



BECAUSE
I FEEL THE
EXACT SAME
WAY...

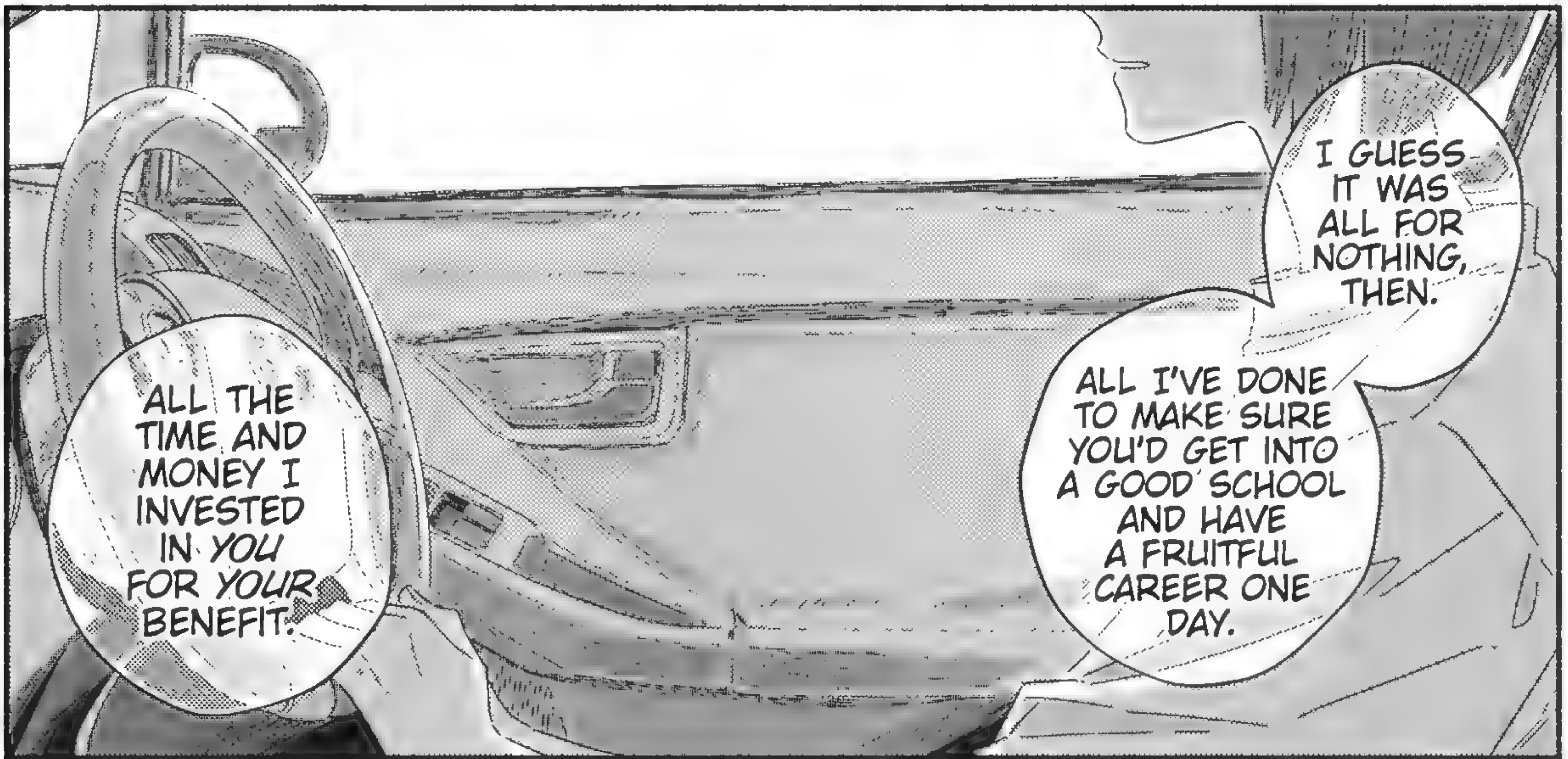
ABOUT
YOU.



...

LISTEN TO
YOURSELF.

WISHING
YOUR OWN
MOTHER
DEAD?





YEAH...
AND WHO IS
TO BLAME
FOR THAT,
MOM?



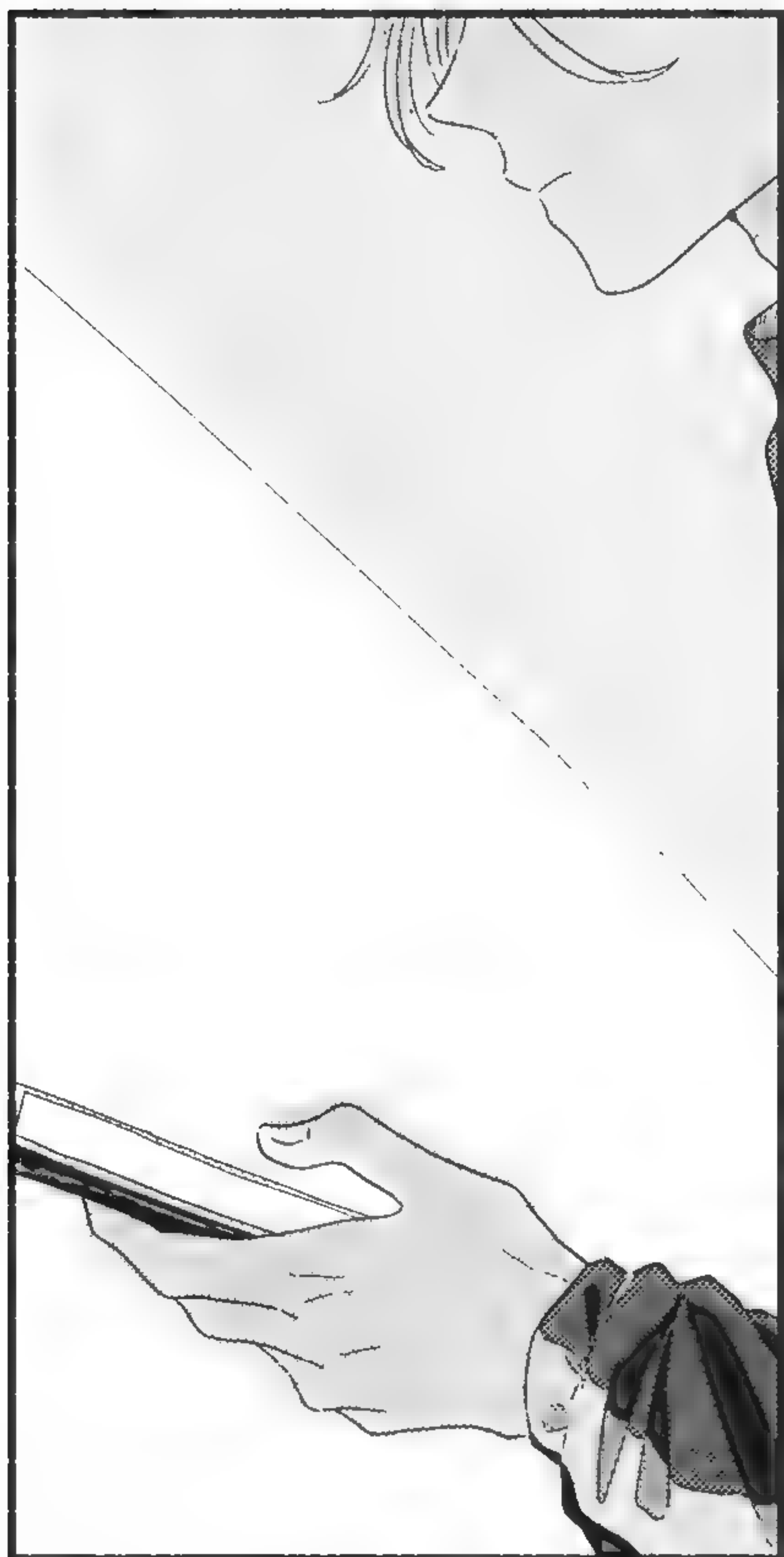
SEE?
YOU
DON'T
EVEN
HAVE A
PLAN.

KIDS LIKE
YOU CAN'T
ACCOMPLISH
ANYTHING
WITHOUT YOUR
PARENTS'
GUIDANCE.



YOU
REALLY
THINK I
HAVE ANY
IDEA?

BECAUSE
I DON'T.





HEY.



HEY, I'M
HEADIN'
OUT FOR
A BIT.

WHAT?

AT THIS
HOUR?

YEAH.
WON'T BE
LONG.



BUT HE'S
ABOUT
YEA TALL,
MAYBE...

SUPER-
SMART
KID.

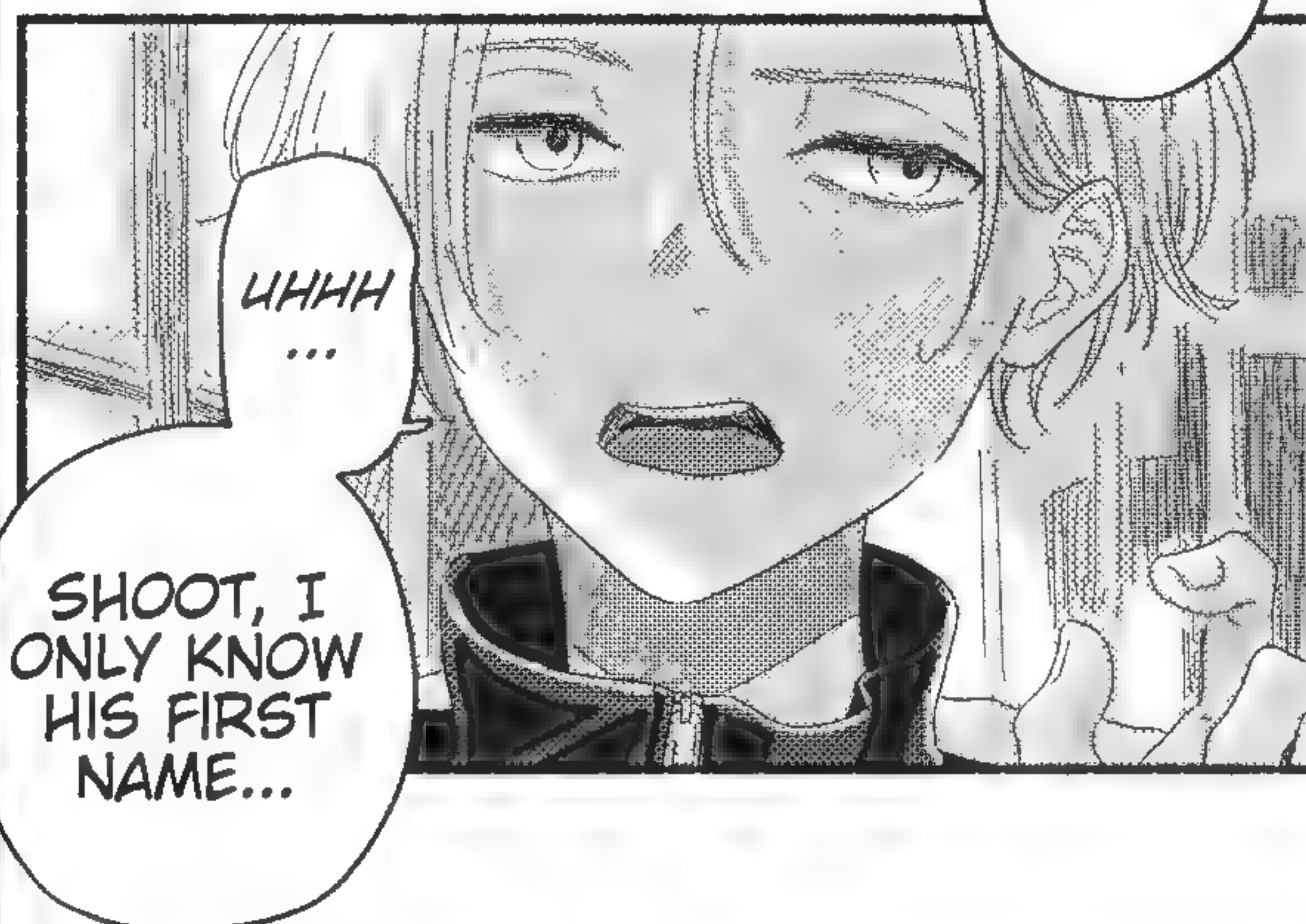
OH, WAIT.
YOU MEAN
SUGISAKI?



DO
YOU
GUYS,
UH...

KNOW
A DUDE
BY THE
NAME OF
TOMOYA?

HUH?



UH...
...

SHOOT, I
ONLY KNOW
HIS FIRST
NAME...



HUNH...
YA DON'T
SAY...



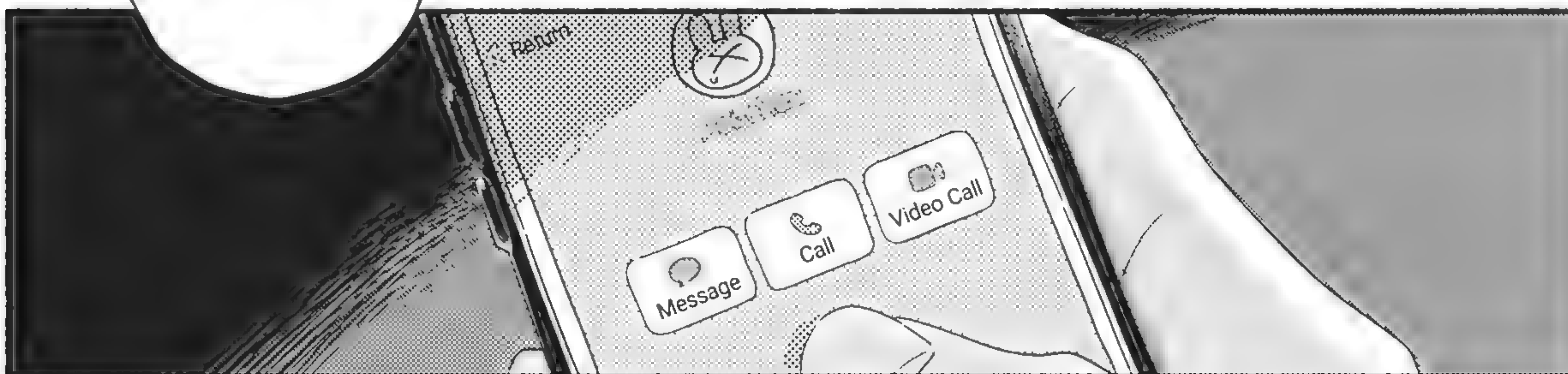
PROLLY
JUST BUSY
'CAUSE
IT'S A NEW
SEMESTER
AND ALL.

YEAH,
HE HASN'T
BEEN
SHOWING
UP LATELY.



JUST WHAT
IN THE HELL
IS THAT GUY
THINKING?

DAMN IT,
DUDE...

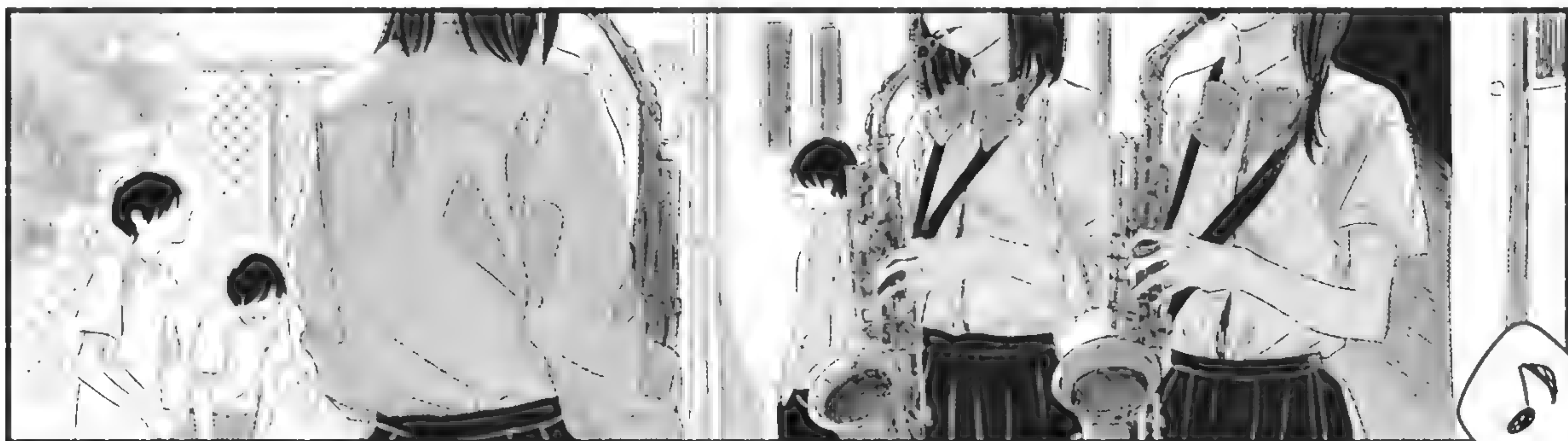
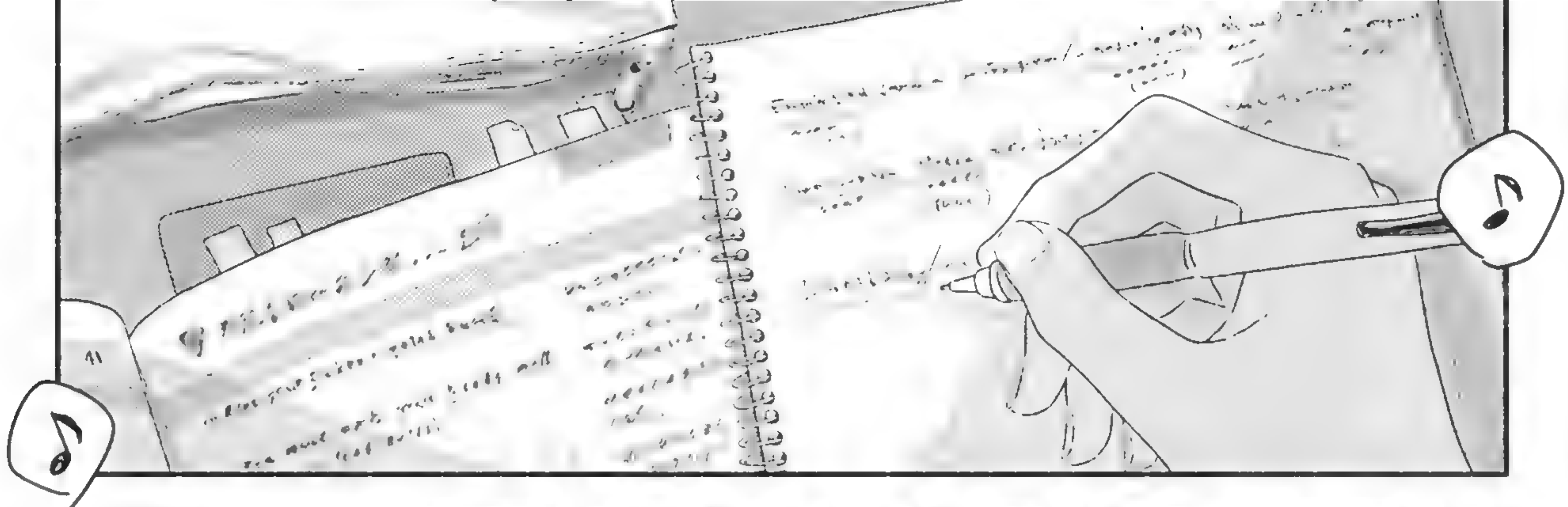


HEY, AOI-
CHAN.

YOU
BUSY
TOMOR-
ROW?

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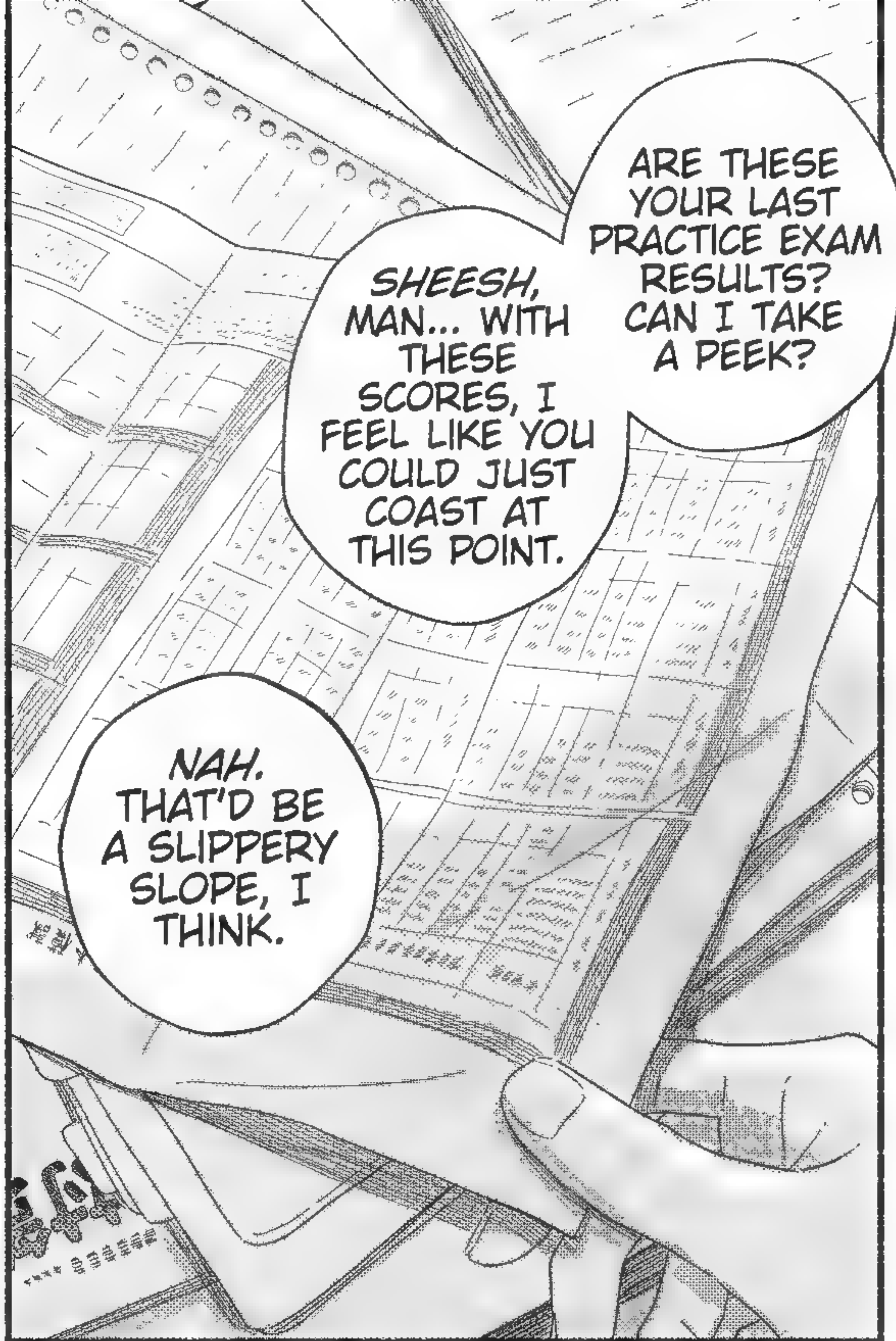




REALLY,
NOW...

SEEMS LIKE
YOU'RE
COVERING A
PRETTY BROAD
RANGE OF
SUBJECTS
HERE.

WHAT ARE
YOU EVEN
STUDYING
TO BE,
ANYHOW?



ARE THESE
YOUR LAST
PRACTICE EXAM
RESULTS?
CAN I TAKE
A PEEK?

SHEESH,
MAN... WITH
THESE
SCORES, I
FEEL LIKE YOU
COULD JUST
COAST AT
THIS POINT.

NAH.
THAT'D BE
A SLIPPERY
SLOPE, I
THINK.



...



SORRY?

YOU KNOW,
LIKE...IN
THE LONG
RUN.

WHAT
DO YOU
WANT AS A
CAREER?



I REALLY
DON'T KNOW,
HONESTLY.



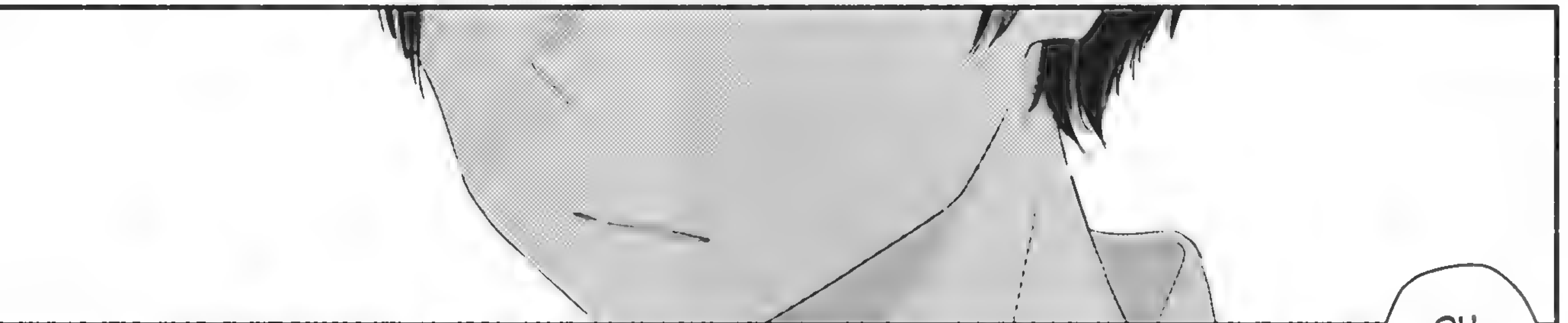
HEY,
TOMOYA.



WHAT'S
GOIN' ON,
MAN?



LONG
TIME NO
SEE.



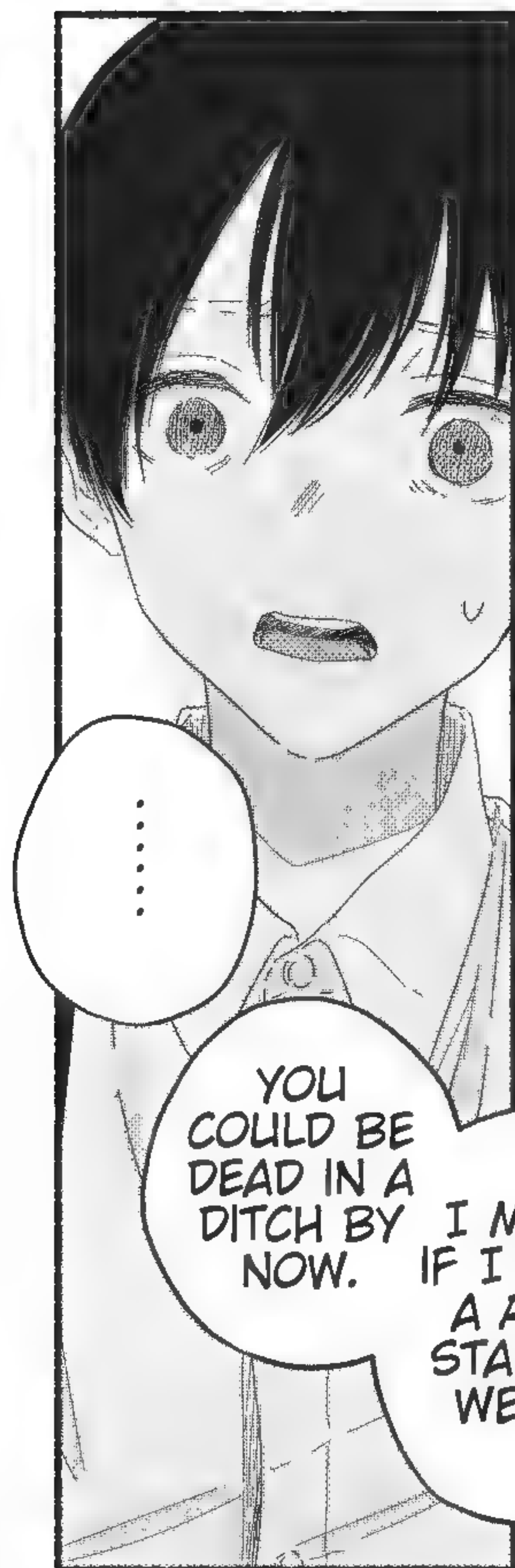
OH,
UH...
HEY,
GUYS.

YEAH,
SORRY
I'VE BEEN
SILENT
LATELY.

BEEN
KINDA
BUSY.

YOU REALLY
DIDN'T HAVE
TO COME
CHECK ON ME
AT SCHOOL,
THOUGH...

YEAH,
SPEAKING OF,
I STOPPED BY
YOUR CRAM
SCHOOL LAST
NIGHT.



...

YOU
COULD BE
DEAD IN A
DITCH BY
NOW.

I MEAN,
IF I WERE
A REAL
STALKER,
WELL...



YOU
SHOULD
REALLY
BE MORE
CAREFUL,
TOMOYA-
KUN.

AOI-CHAN
HERE
FIGURED IT
OUT JUST BY
SCROLLING
THROUGH
YOUR
SOCIALS.



HEARD
YOU
HAVEN'T
BEEN
SHOWING
UP LATELY.

I...BEG
YOUR
PARDON?

HUH?!

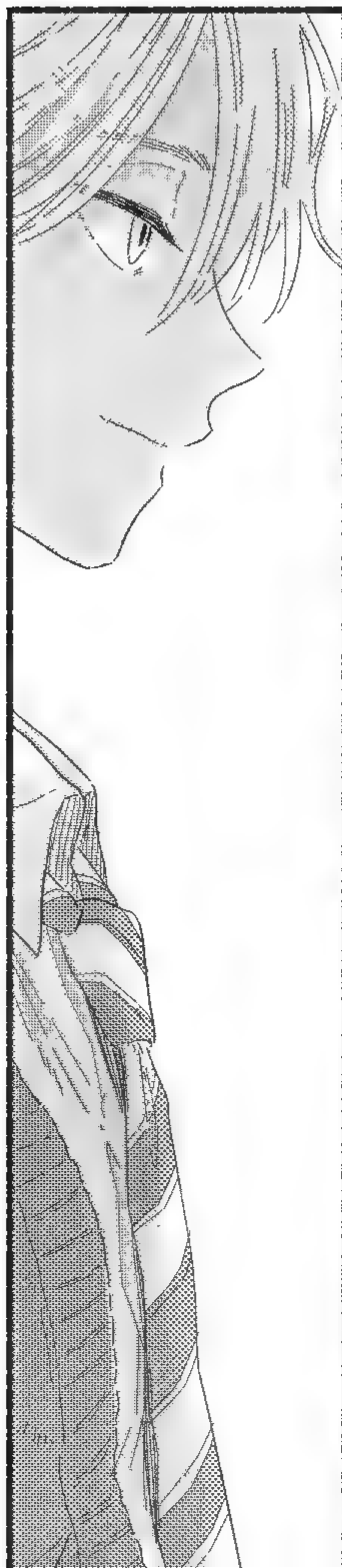


HOW...

HOW
DO YOU
KNOW
THAT...?

WAIT...
YOU
WENT TO
MY CRAM
SCHOOL?

YEAH.
THE ONE
ACROSS
FROM THE
STATION,
RIGHT?



AH HA
HA...



WHA
...

DON'T
SAY
STUFF
LIKE
THAT...

YOU'RE
FREAKING
ME OUT...



WHAT
THE HELL,
YOU
GUYS...

HA
HA.





HOPE YOU'RE READY TO LOSE!

They're neon green, bro!

JUST LOOK AT THOSE UGLY-ASS SWEAT-PANTS!

ARE YOU REALLY GONNA BAIL ON AOI-CHAN RIGHT NOW, DUDE?!

SHE'S BEEN WANTING THIS SO BAD, SHE'S BEEN LUGGING HER GYM UNIFORM AROUND IN HER BOOK BAG!



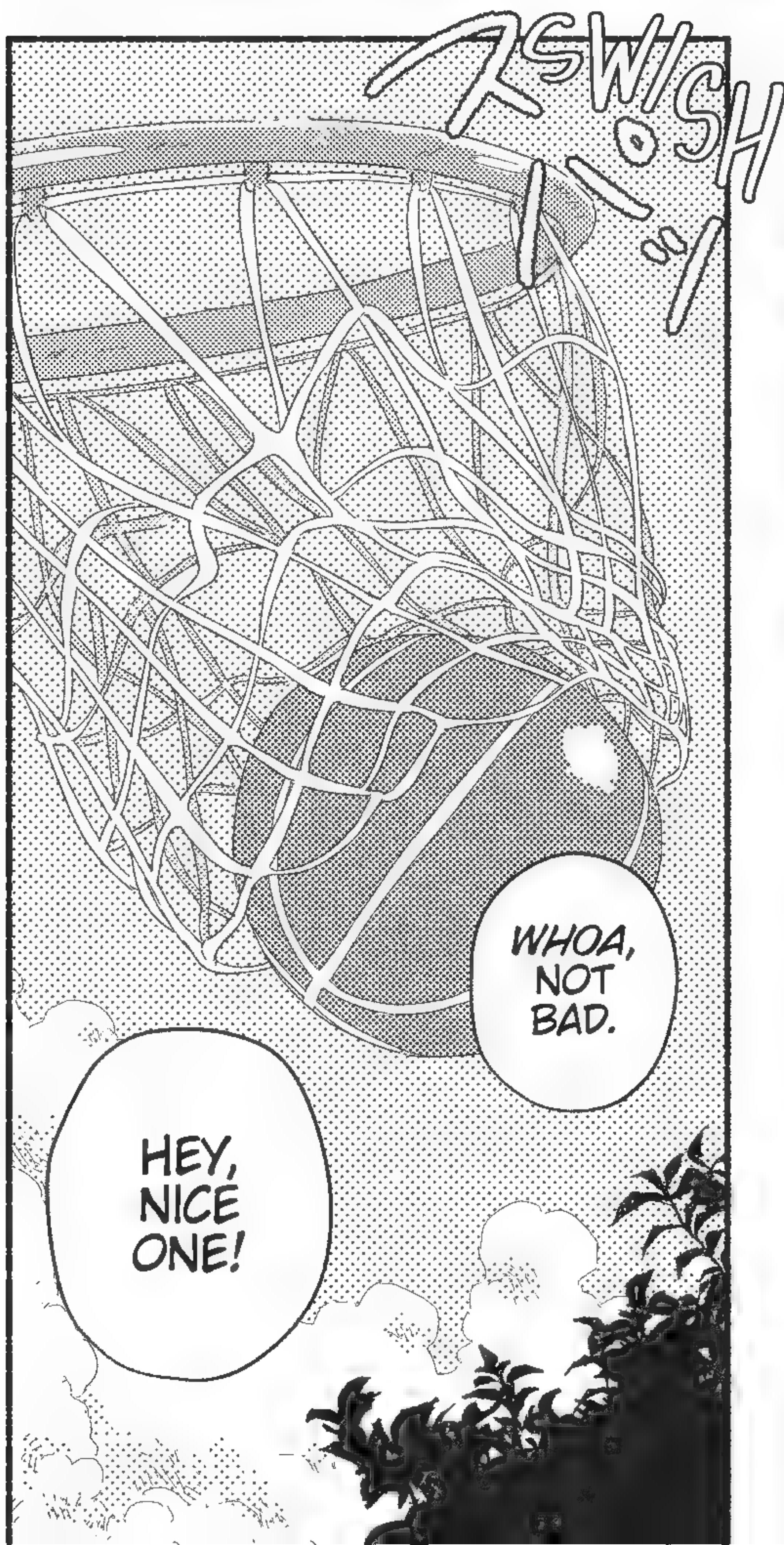
WHY THIS, OF ALL THINGS?

DON'T ASK ME. AOI-CHAN'S THE ONE WHO INSISTED ON IT.



WELL, SORRY, BUT I'VE GOT PLANS TONIGHT...

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE.



SWISH

WHOA, NOT BAD.

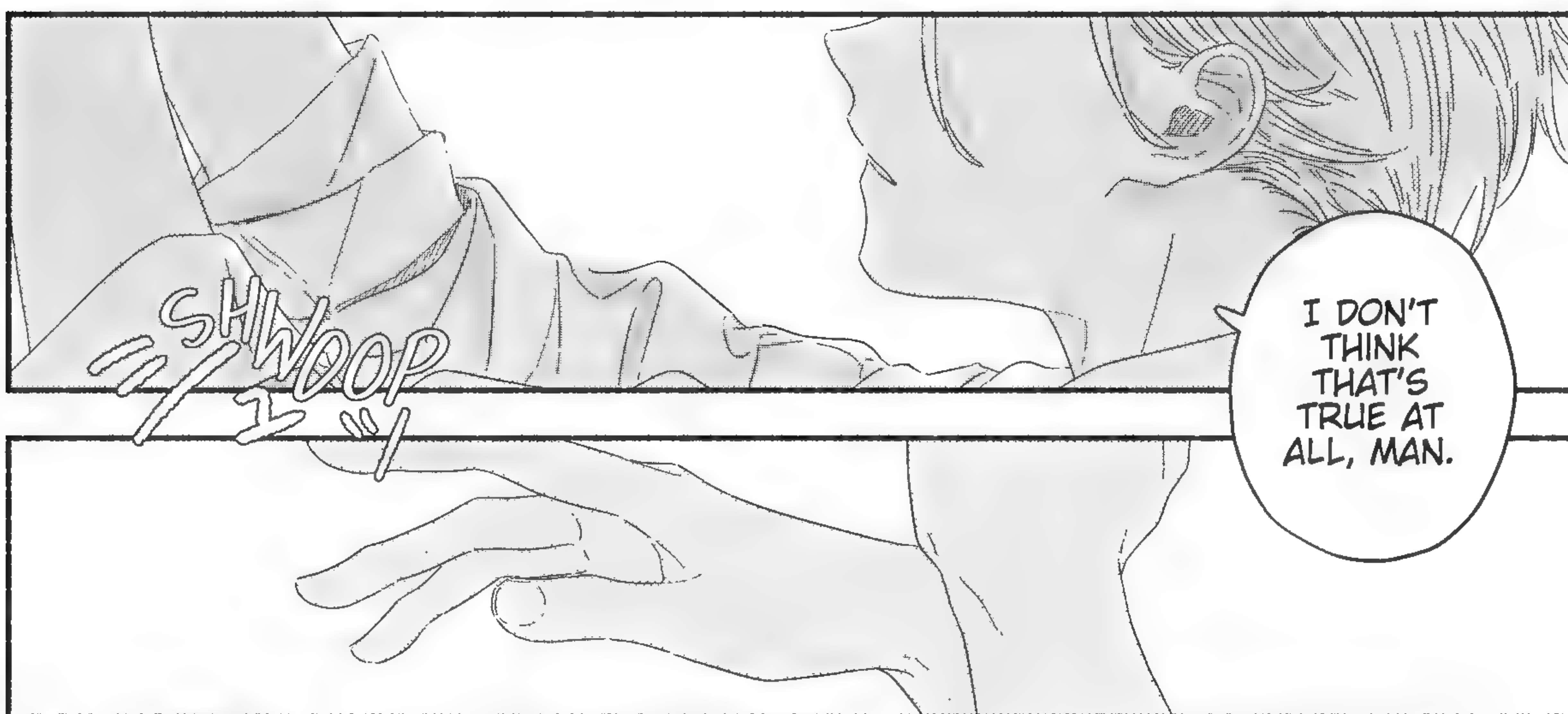
HEY, NICE ONE!



OKAY, OKAY. YOU WIN.



...





...



AW!

SHUCKS,
THAT WAS
A CLOSE
ONE!

NO IT
WASN'T.
IT DIDN'T
EVEN BRUSH
THE NET.



I'M GONNA
GO RETURN
THE BALL
AND GET
CHANGED.

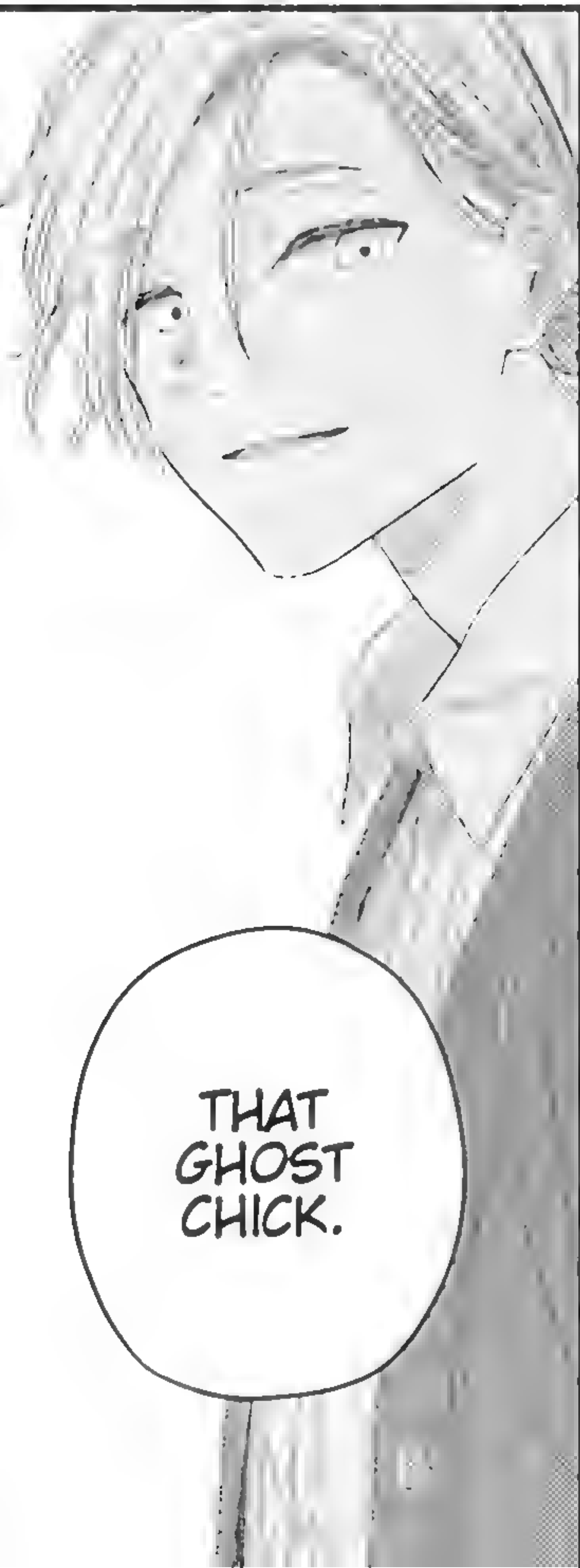
COOL,
THANKS.
WE'LL WAIT
HERE.



HEH,
YEAH
...

NOT
MY BEST
SHOT EVER,
THAT'S FOR
SURE.

HA
HA.



HEY,
TOMOYA.

TELL ME
SOMETHIN'.

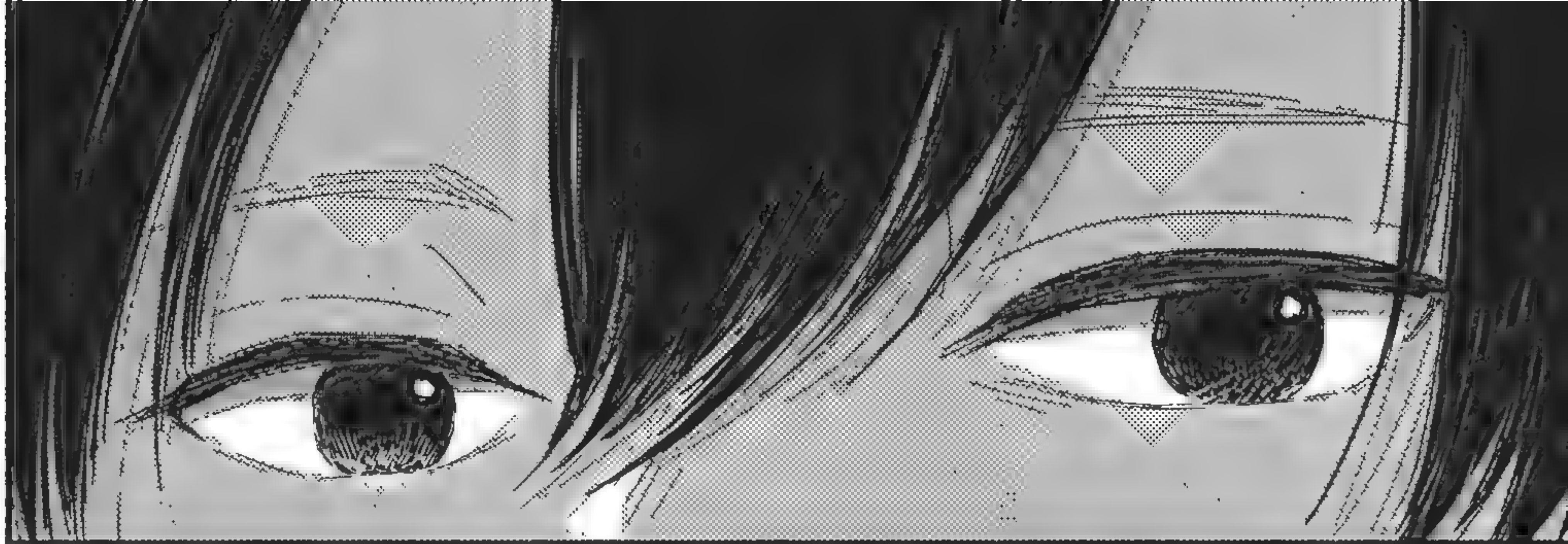
YOU'VE
BEEN
GOING TO
VISIT HER,
HAVEN'T
YOU?

THAT
GHOST
CHICK.



YOU'D
BETTER
KNOCK IT
OFF, DUDE.

NO...I
HAVEN'T
BEEN.



JUST
ANSWER
THE DAMN
QUESTION.

WHY
DO YOU
CARE?



I JUST
SAID I
HAVEN'T
BEEN.

AND SHE'S
NOT "THAT
GHOST
CHICK."

HER
NAME'S
AYANE-
SAN.



I MEAN,
LOOK AT YOU.
IF I DIDN'T
KNOW ANY
BETTER,
I'D THINK
YOU WERE
ALREADY
DEAD.



WHAT'S
THE
MATTER,
GUYS?

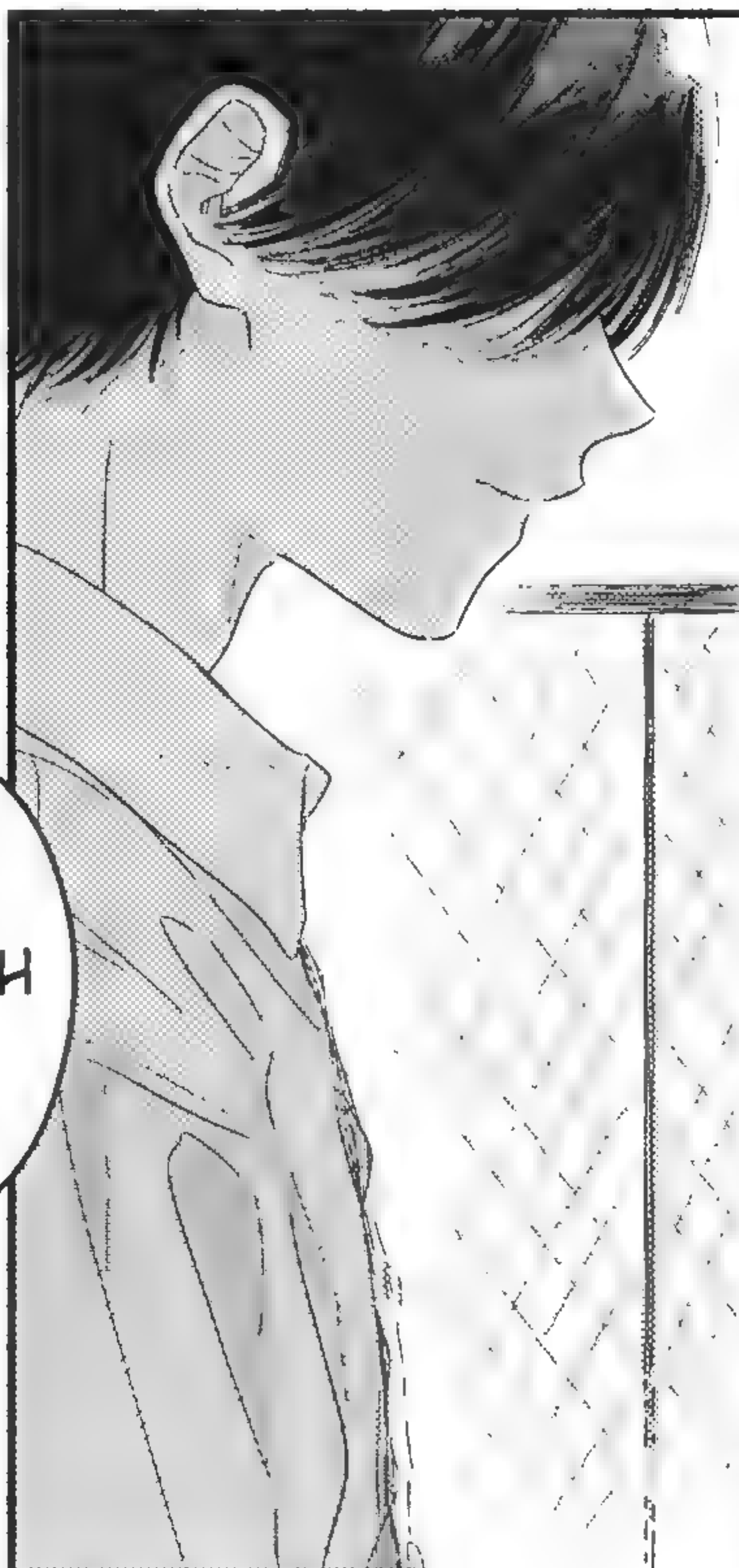


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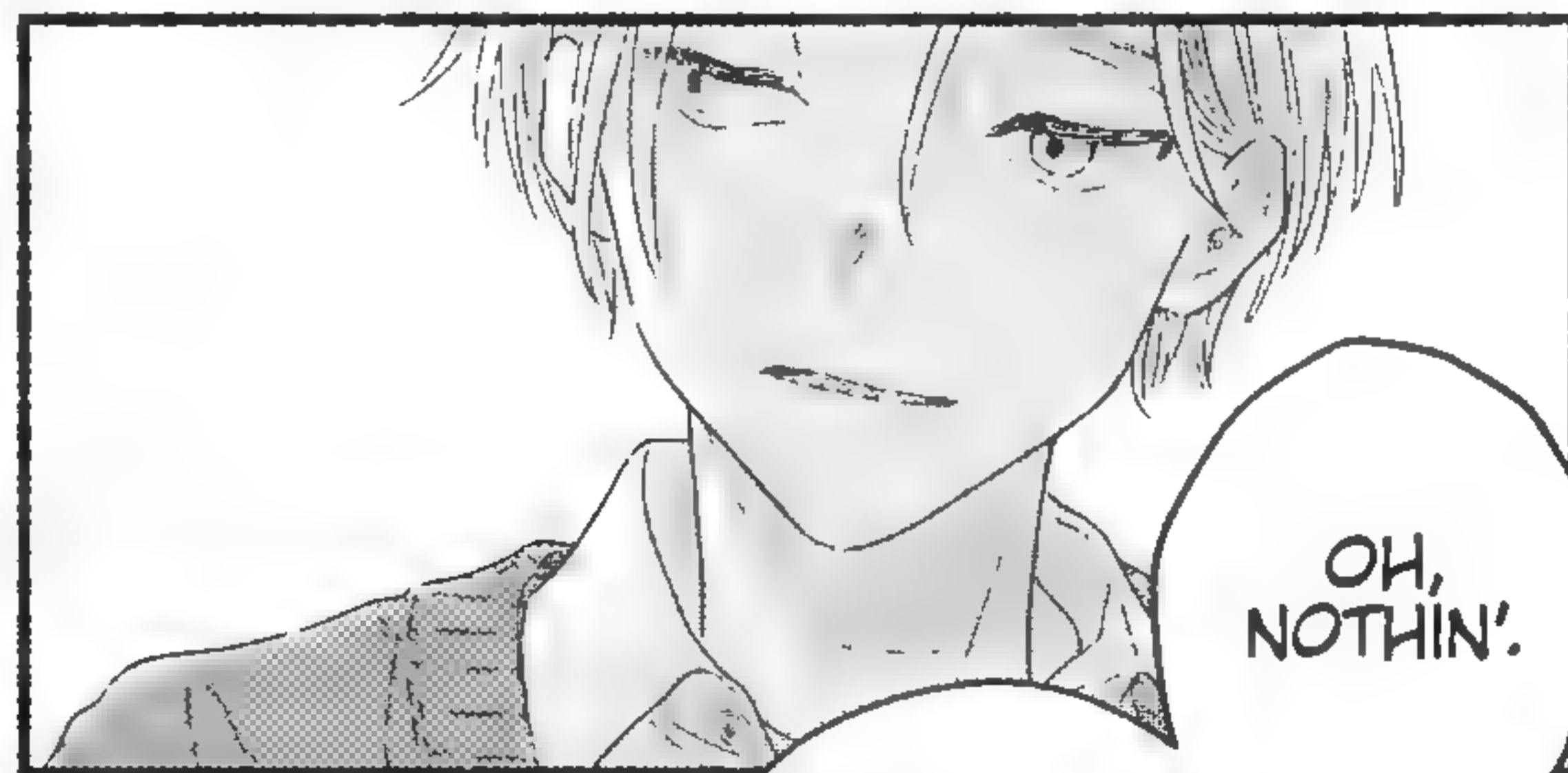


I BEG
YOUR
PARDON?

OKAY,
NOW I'M
OFFICIALLY
CREEPED
OUT.



BELIEVE
ME, I WISH
I COULD.

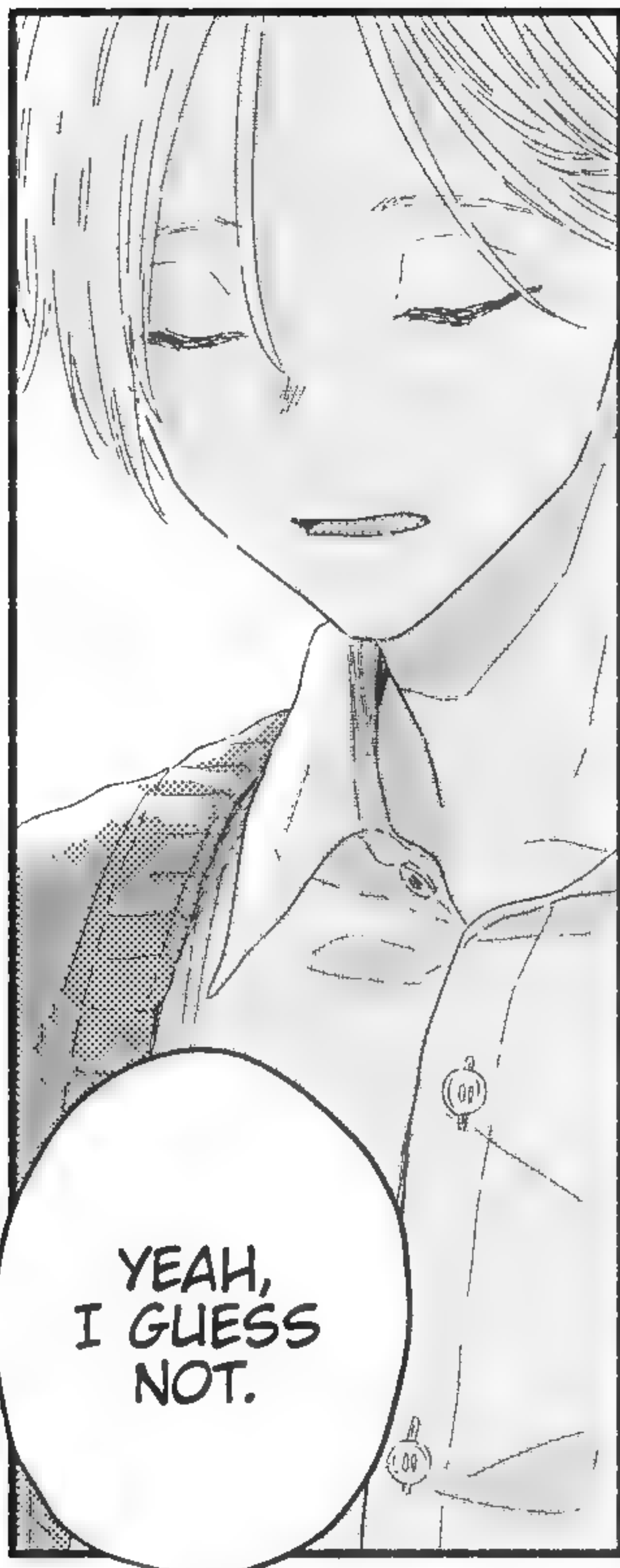


OH,
NOTHIN'.



ANYWAY, I'M
JUST SAYIN' IT
AIN'T HEALTHY
TO OBSESS
OVER THESE
THINGS. SO TRY
TO REEL IT IN,
YEAH?

I'D LOVE TO
BE ABLE TO
JUST TURN
MY BRAIN OFF
AND ENJOY
LIFE LIKE
YOU TWO.



YEAH,
I GUESS
NOT.



NEITHER
OF YOU
COULD.

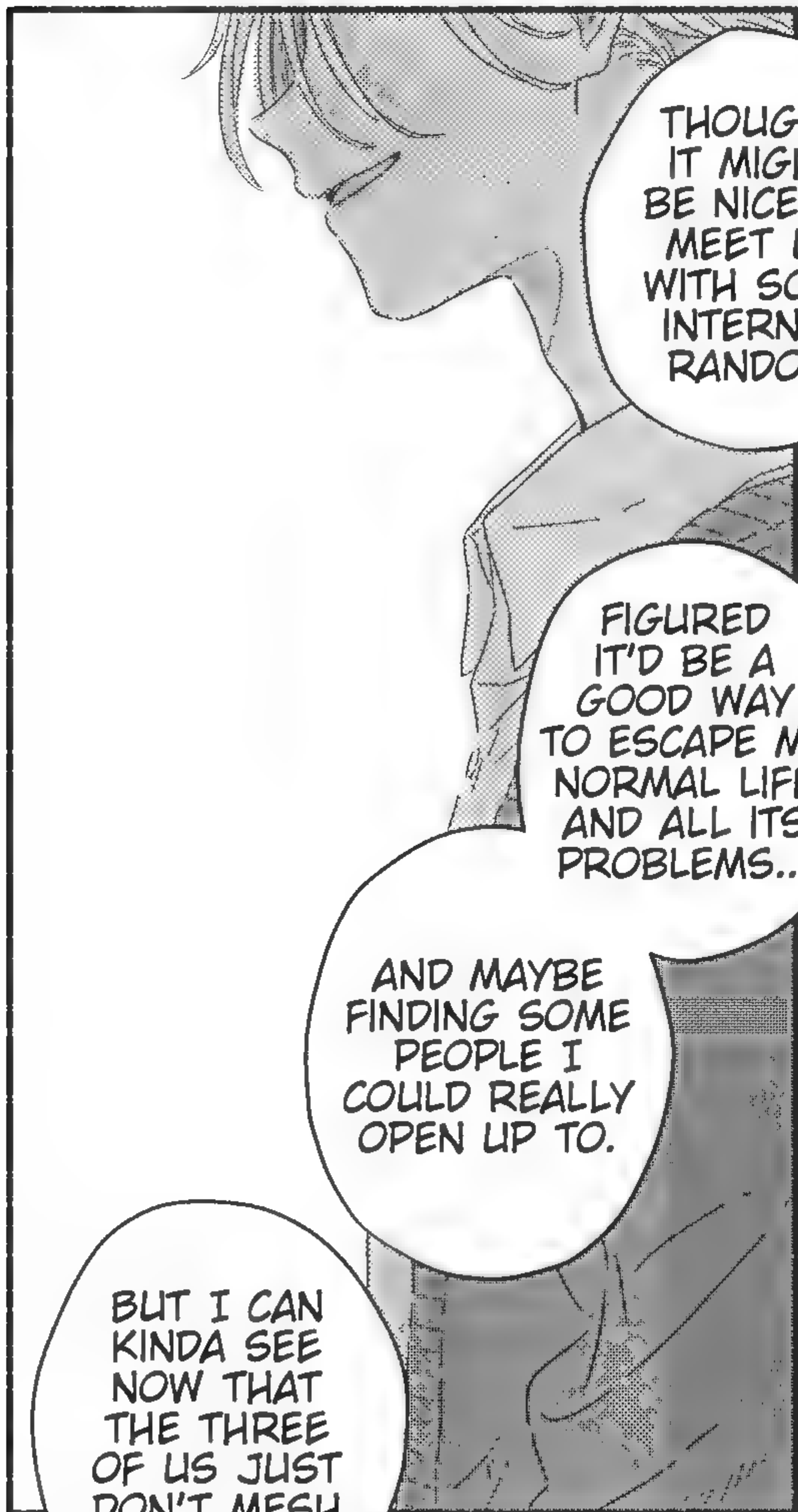


TOMOYA-
KUN?

WHAT'S
WRONG?

WHO
CARES?

EVEN
IF I TOLD
YOU, IT'S
NOT LIKE
YOU'D EVER
UNDER-
STAND.



THOUGHT
IT MIGHT
BE NICE TO
MEET UP
WITH SOME
INTERNET
RANDOS.

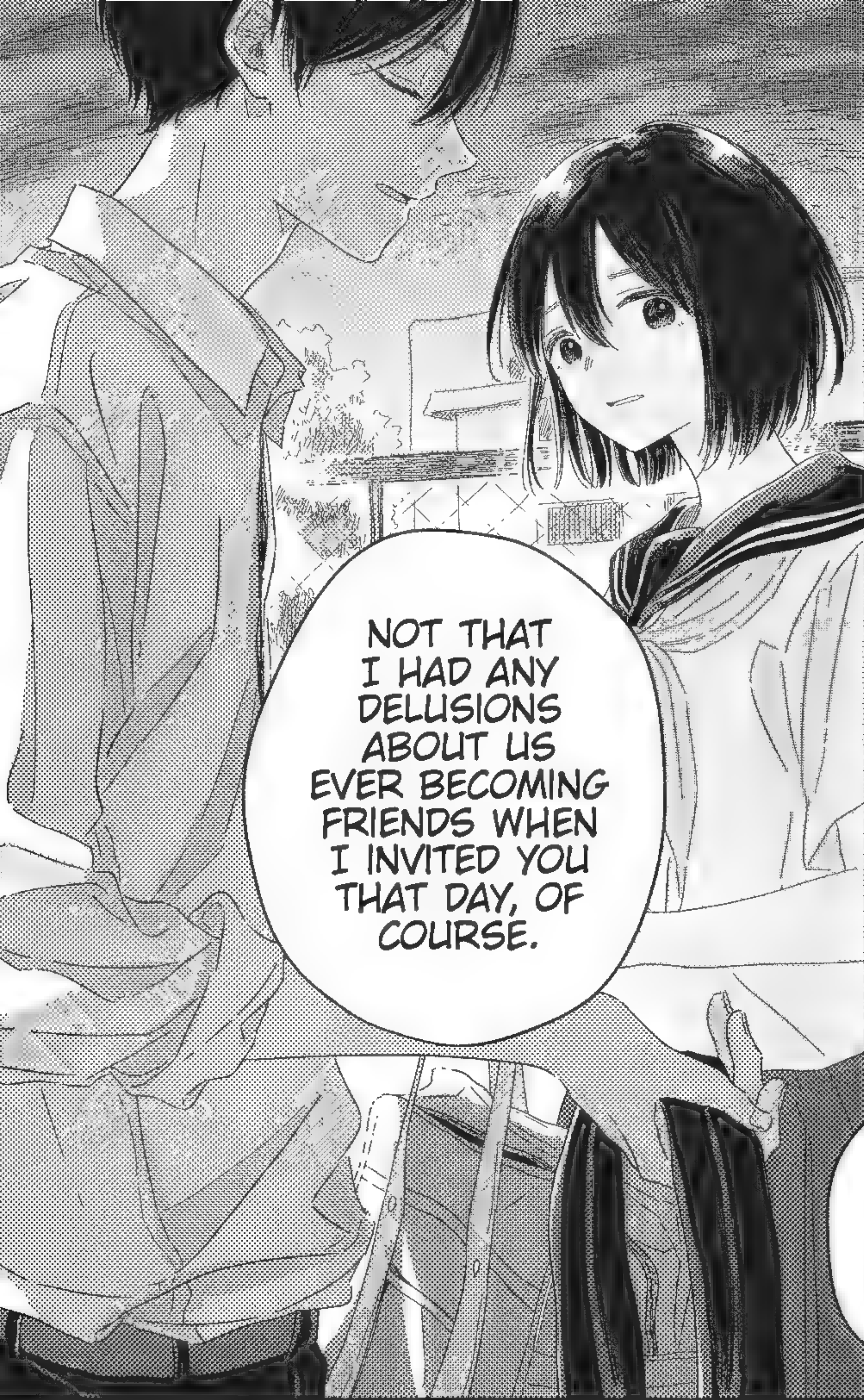
FIGURED
IT'D BE A
GOOD WAY
TO ESCAPE MY
NORMAL LIFE
AND ALL ITS
PROBLEMS...

AND MAYBE
FINDING SOME
PEOPLE I
COULD REALLY
OPEN UP TO.

BUT I CAN
KINDA SEE
NOW THAT
THE THREE
OF US JUST
DON'T MESH
LIKE THAT.

I THINK
I'M DONE
HANGING
OUT WITH
YOU GUYS.

WELL
THEN...



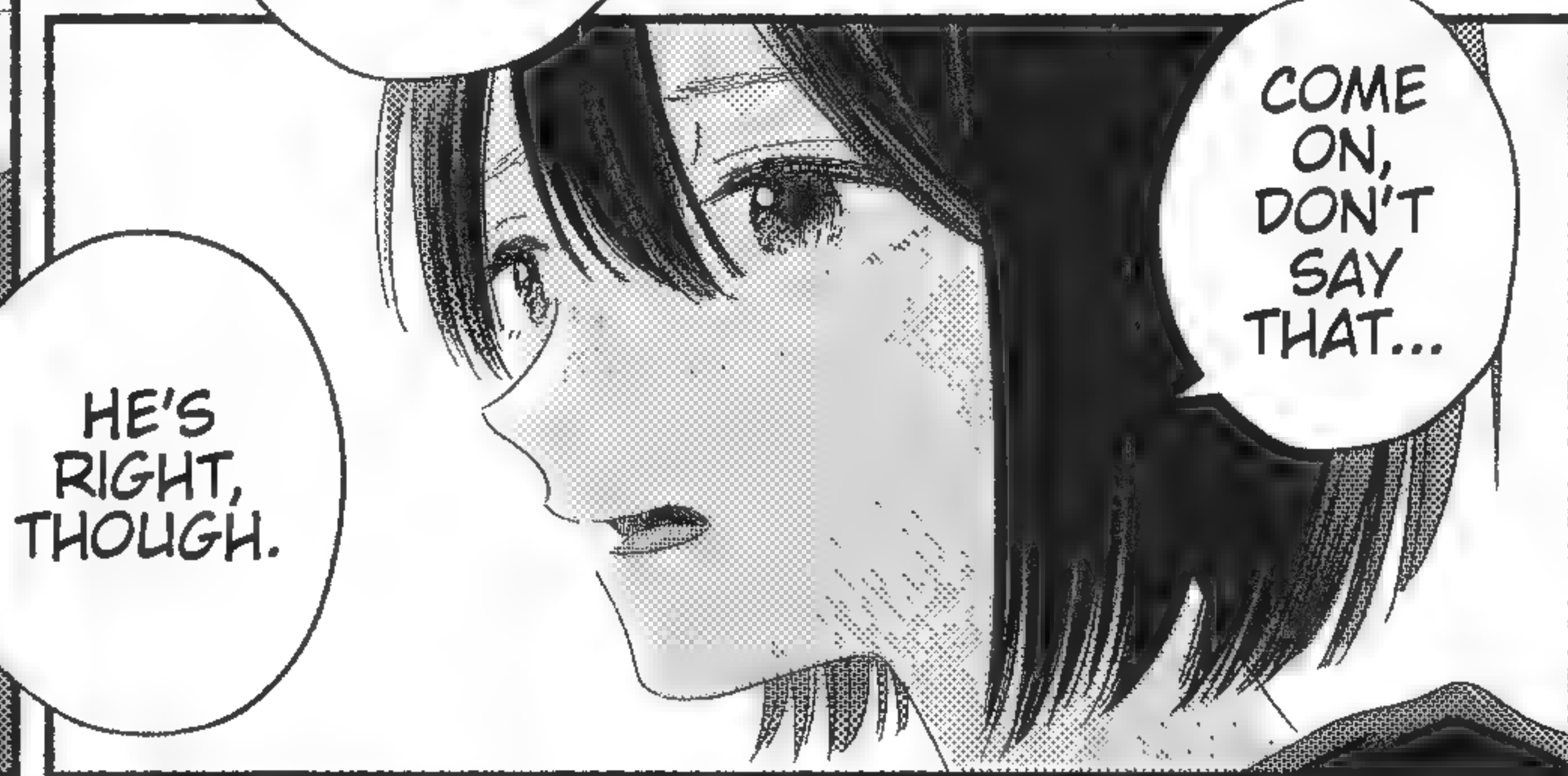
NOT THAT
I HAD ANY
DELUSIONS
ABOUT US
EVER BECOMING
FRIENDS WHEN
I INVITED YOU
THAT DAY, OF
COURSE.



I MEAN, WE
DON'T REALLY
KNOW THE
FIRST THING
ABOUT EACH
OTHER, DO
WE?

WE'RE
ALL STILL
KEEPING
SECRETS.

SO
WHAT'S
EVEN THE
POINT?



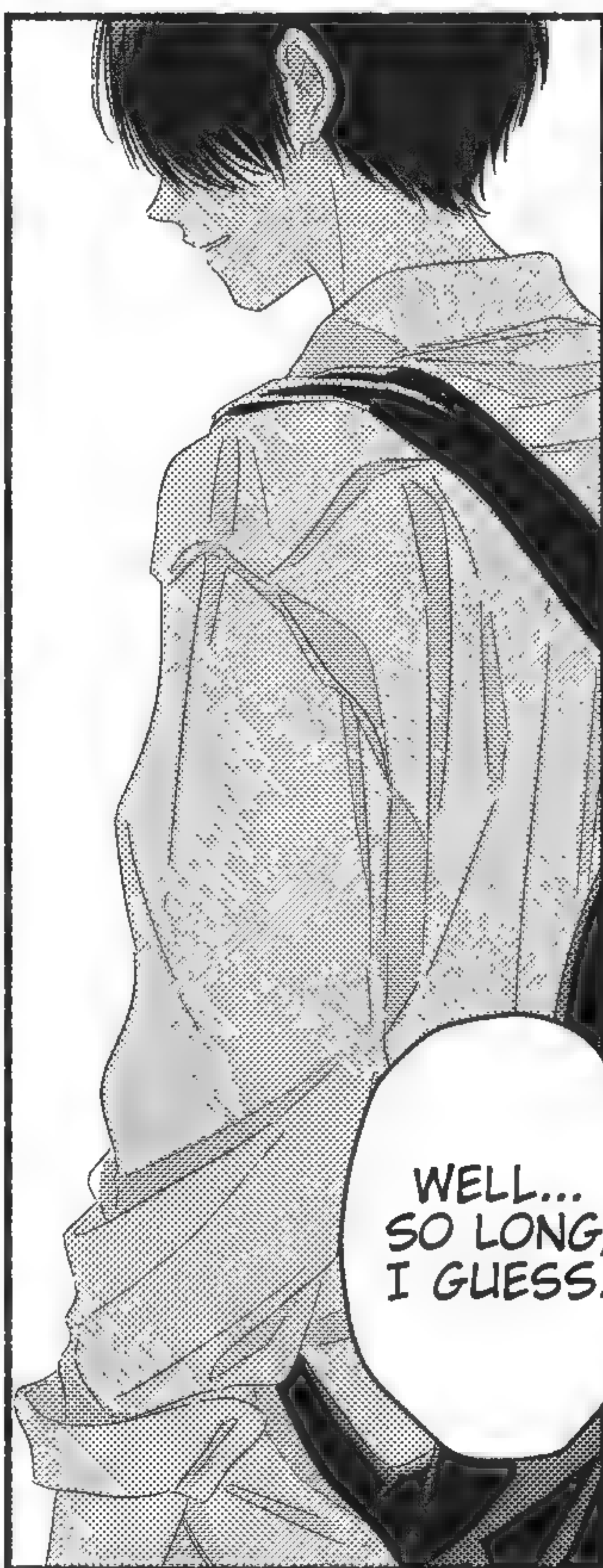
COME
ON,
DON'T
SAY
THAT...

HE'S
RIGHT,
THOUGH.



W...

WAIT,
TOMOYA-
KUN!



WELL...
SO LONG,
I GUESS.



SEEMS
KINDA
SILLY THAT
WE KEPT
MEETING UP
AFTER.

I WONDER
WHY WE EVEN
BOTHERED.



AND THAT
IT'S NOT
MY PLACE
TO SAY...

BUT...



I...

I KNOW I
DON'T HAVE
ANY IDEA
WHAT YOU'RE
GOING
THROUGH...



LISTEN...

HM...



BUT IF
YOU JUST
KEEP LIVING,
I KNOW
SOMEDAY
YOU'LL--



SORRY, I'VE GOT SOMEWHERE I NEED TO BE.

IT'S BEEN REAL, AOI-CHAN.

CATCH YA LATER.



KA-THUNK
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KA-THUNK
カ
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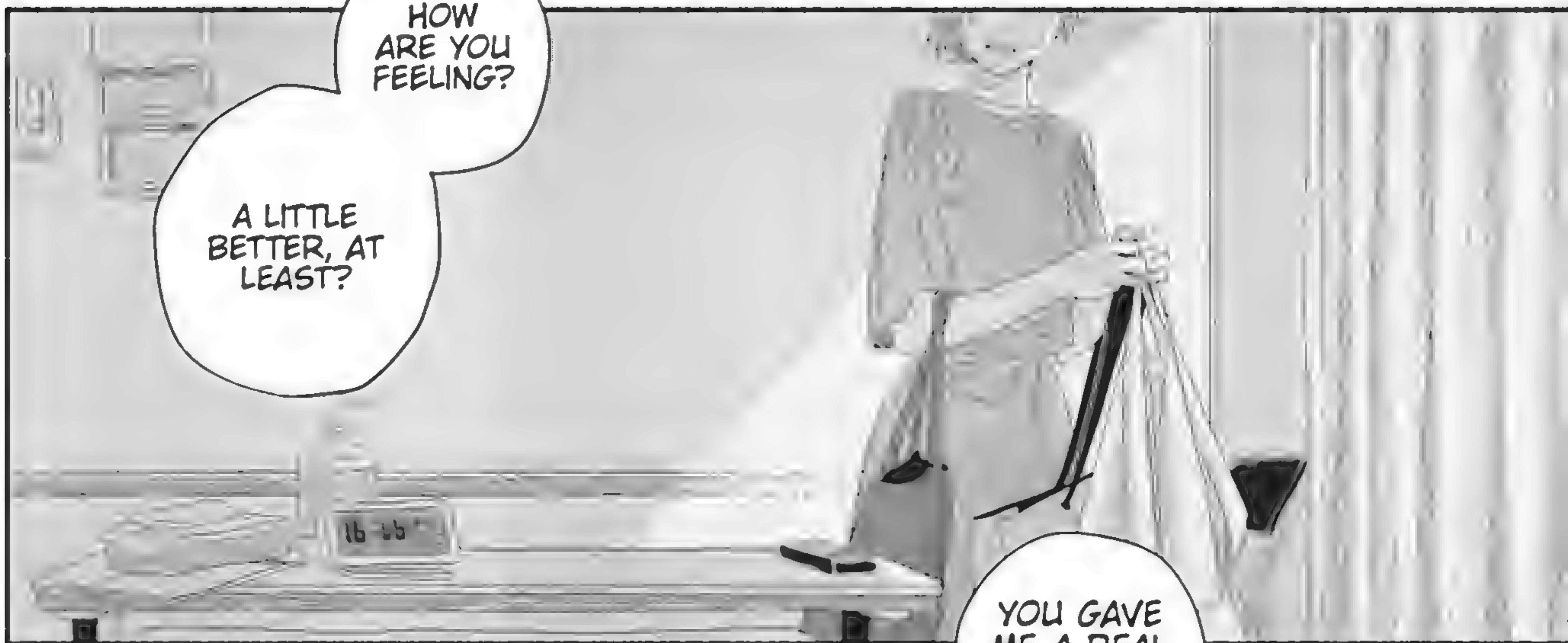


CHAPTER 11





YOU
DOING
OKAY,
HON?



HOW
ARE YOU
FEELING?

A LITTLE
BETTER, AT
LEAST?

YOU GAVE
ME A REAL
FRIGHT
BACK
THERE.



BUT I'M
GLAD I WAS
AROUND
WHEN IT
HAPPENED.

IT'S A
GOOD THING
I'VE BEEN
SPENDING
MORE TIME
AT HOME
LATELY.

WE WERE
ABLE TO
GET YOU IN
TO SEE THE
DOCTOR
RIGHT
AWAY.

AND THEY
HAVE A
ROOM
AVAILABLE
AND
EVERYTHING.



...
HARD TO BELIEVE...IT CAN CREEP UP ON YOU LIKE THAT SO QUICKLY.



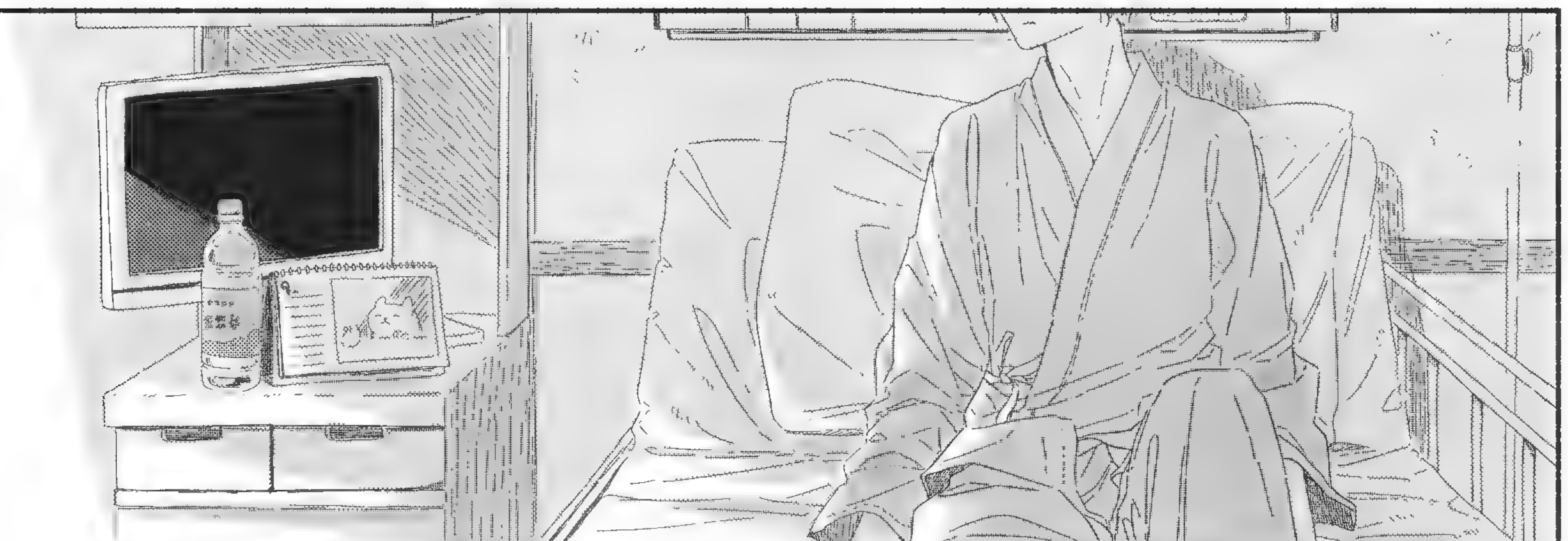
THEY TOLD ME IF THERE WEREN'T ANY OPEN BEDS, THEY WOULD'VE HAD TO TRANSFER YOU TO ANOTHER HOSPITAL THAT'S PRETTY FAR AWAY.

SOUNDS LIKE WE GOT PRETTY LUCKY THERE.



BUT I REALLY THINK IT'S BEST NOT TO GO OUT IN PUBLIC UNTIL YOU'RE DOING A BIT BETTER.

I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT YOUR FRIENDS ARE TO YOU, DEAR...



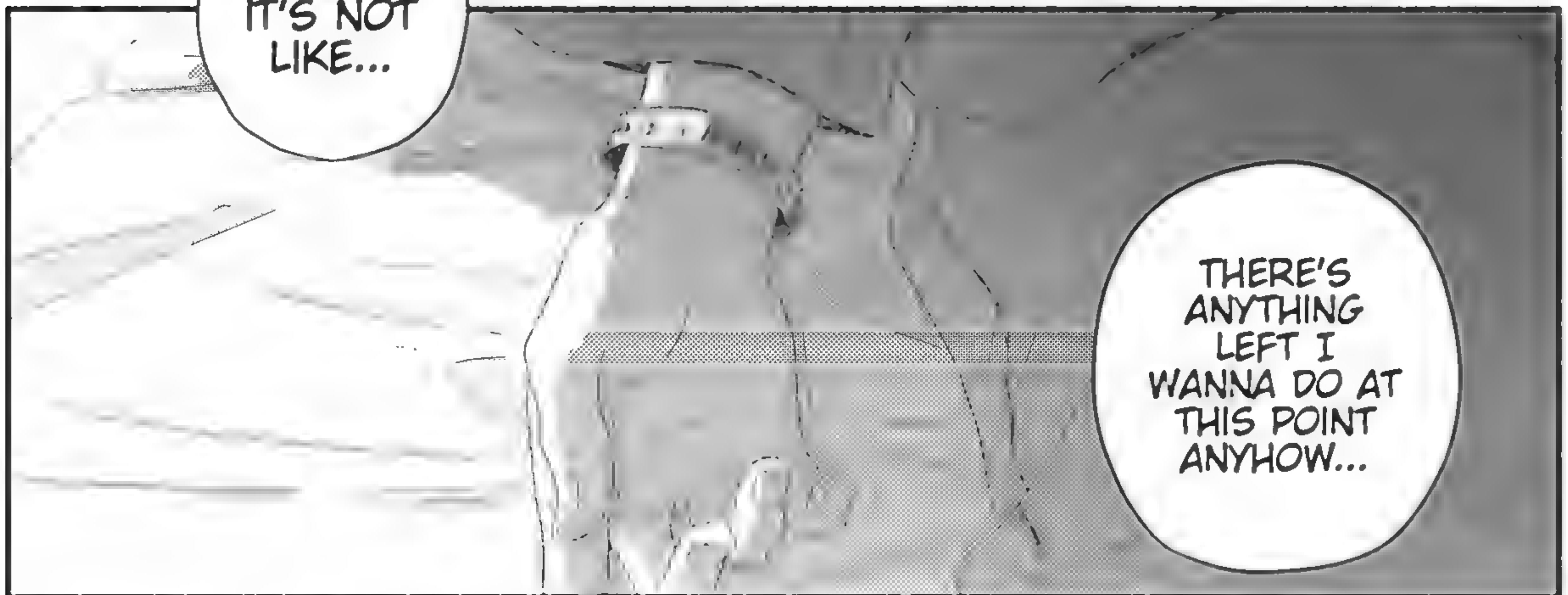


SORRY
FOR
SCARING
YOU LIKE
THAT,
MOM.

BUT
DON'T
WORRY.

I'LL
BEHAVE
MYSELF
FROM
NOW ON.

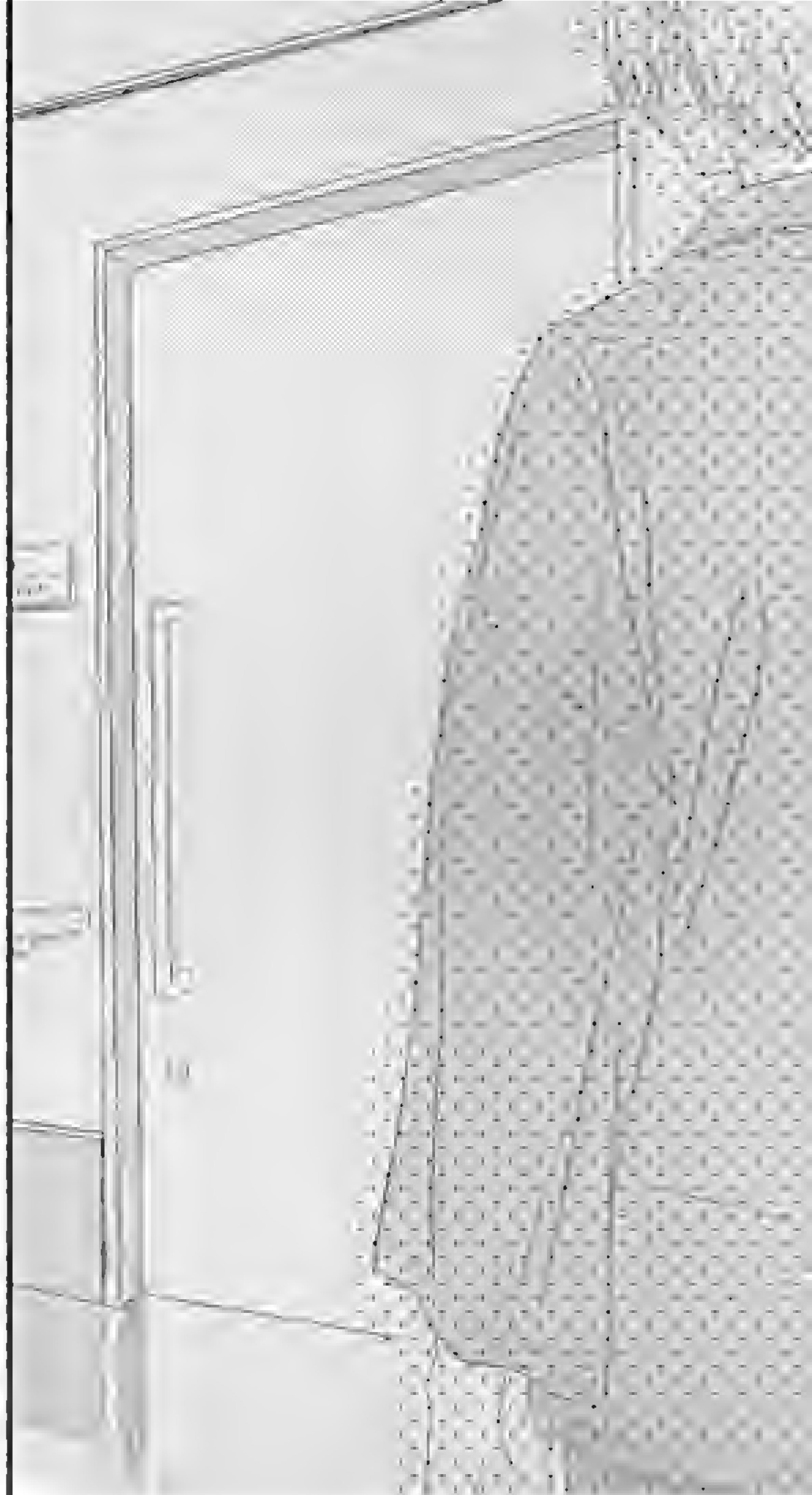
I MEAN,
IT'S NOT
LIKE...



THERE'S
ANYTHING
LEFT I
WANNA DO AT
THIS POINT
ANYHOW...







DID...
DID
HE...

HE'S BEEN
DISCHARGED.



HIS MOM,
SHE...

WANTED ME
TO THANK
YOU ON HER
BEHALF.



YES?

OH,
SO YOU DO
KNOW HOW
TO ANSWER
THE PHONE!

YOU REALLY
NEED TO
ANSWER
YOUR TEXTS.
BRO.

ESPECIALLY
SINCE YOU
HAVEN'T
BEEN COMING
TO SCHOOL
LATELY.

THE
TEACHER
SAID YOU'VE
BEEN REALLY
SICK.

EVERYONE'S
SUPER
WORRIED
ABOUT YOU,
MAN.

ARE YOU
GONNA BE
OKAY?

HOW LONG
HAS THIS
BEEN--

SHUT UP,
DUDE.



JUST
LEAVE ME
THE HELL
ALONE.

I DON'T
NEED YOU
GUYS SNIFFING
AROUND AND
SPREADING
RUMORS
ABOUT ME.

OR...IS
THIS YOUR
IDEA OF
FUN?

BECAUSE
IF SO, THAT'S
PRETTY
DISGUSTING,
IF YOU ASK
ME.



THAT'S
PRETTY
GODDAMN
GROSS,
DUDE!

I DIDN'T
TELL YOU
FOR A
REASON!

DON'T
EVER
CALL THIS
NUMBER
AGAIN!



glok





JESUS...



IS THIS
REALLY
WHAT
I LOOK
LIKE?



NO...

NO, THIS
ISN'T ME
AT ALL.

THE
REAL ME
WOULDN'T
SAY STUFF
LIKE THAT.

HE'S
ALREADY
GONE.

OH, I
GET IT
NOW...



AND
IN THAT
CASE...

WHY EVEN
BOTHER?

WHAT'S
THE POINT
OF LIVING...
IF I'M
ALREADY
DEAD?



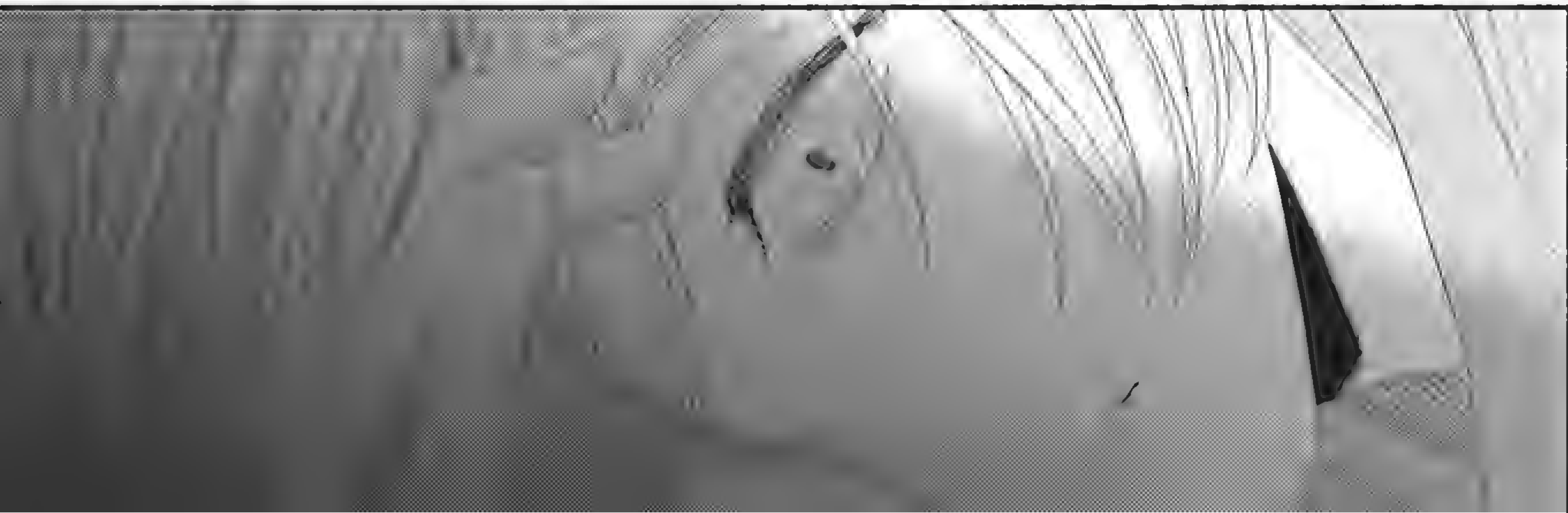
THE
REAL
ME...

NO
LONGER
EXISTS
IN THIS
WORLD...

AND
ALL THAT
REMAINS
...

IS THIS SICK,
PATHETIC HUSK
OF THE PERSON
I USED TO BE...
NOTHING BUT A
BURDEN TO THE
ONES HE LOVES.

RYO-
kun!





NO,
WAIT...

HE
DOES
STILL
EXIST!

FOR
THOSE
TWO,
ANYWAY.

AT LEAST IN
THEIR EYES,
I'LL ALWAYS
BE...

THAT
HEALTHY,
HAPPY-
GO-LUCKY
VERSION
OF ME.

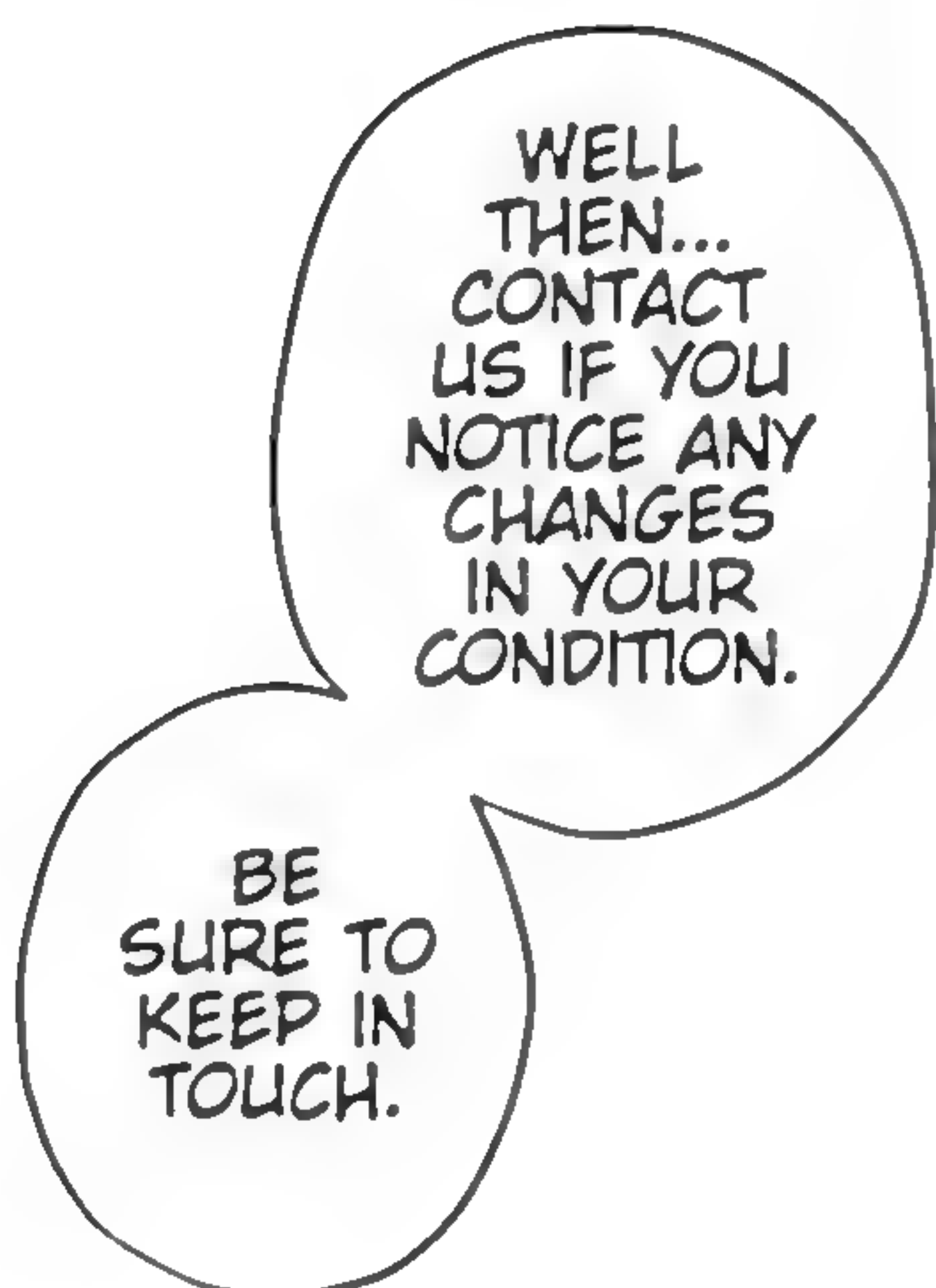


I DON'T
WANT TO
BE HERE
ANYMORE.



HOPE
IT STAYS
THAT
WAY.

THE REAL
ME CAN AT
LEAST LIVE
ON IN THEIR
MEMORIES.







HEY.
SATO
AYANE.

YOU OUT
THERE?



YOU'VE
GOT SOME
NERVE.

IF YOU WANNA
THROW YOUR
OWN LIFE AWAY,
FINE, BUT DON'T
DRAG THE REST
OF US DOWN
WITH YOU.

I DUNNO
WHY YOU
DECIDED
TO KILL
YOURSELF...

BUT
LEAVE
TOMOYA
THE HELL
OUT OF
IT.





IF
YOU'RE JUST
LONELY OR
SOMETHING...

AND WANT
SOMEONE TO
KEEP YOU
COMPANY ON
THE OTHER
SIDE...

WELL, DON'T
WORRY. 'CAUSE
I'LL BE CROSSIN'
OVER BEFORE
YOU KNOW IT.

SO YOU
LEAVE MY
FRIEND
ALONE.

YOU GOT
THAT?

I KNOW
IT'S
WRONG.

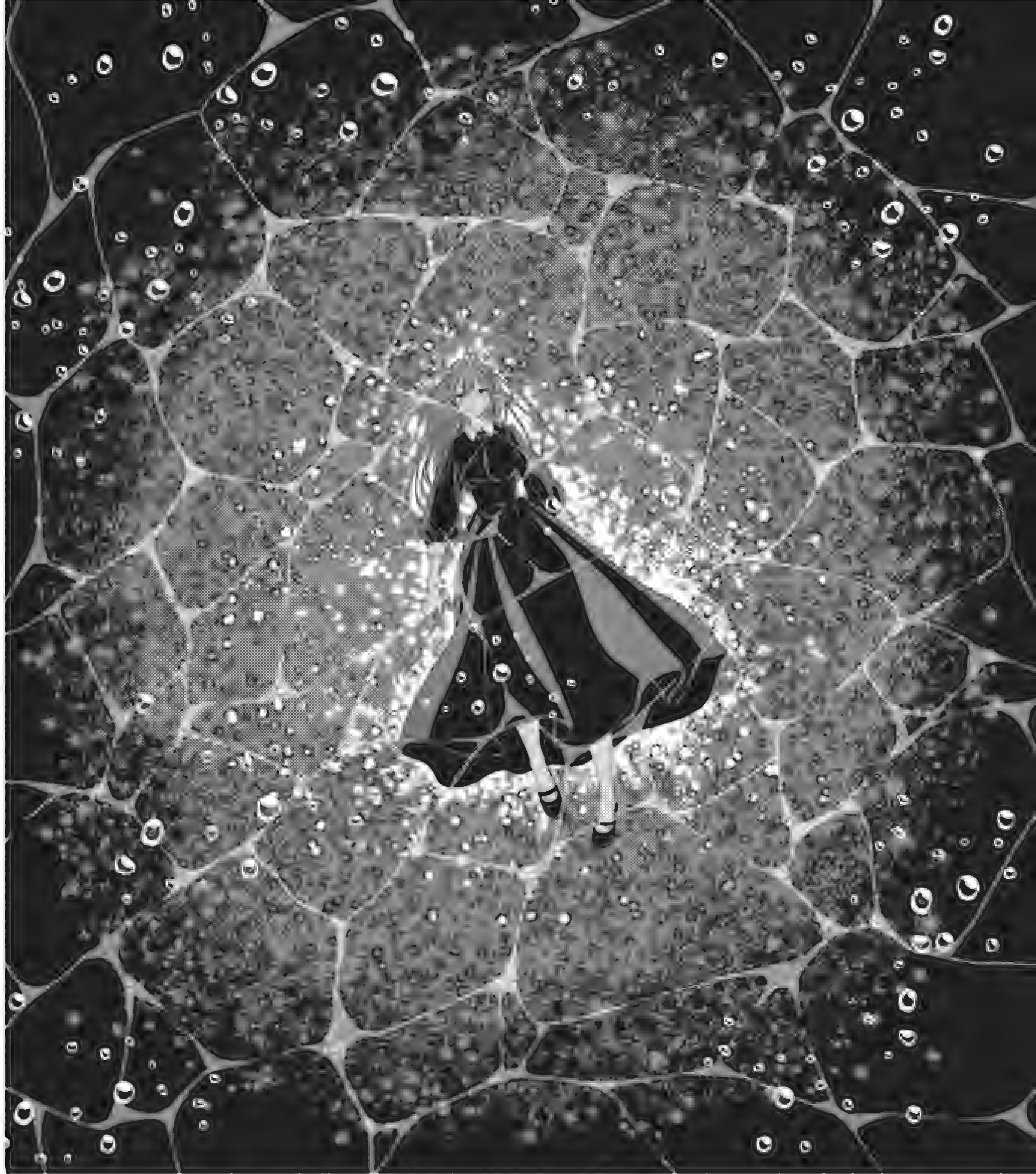


BUT...

WHAT
COULD A LIVING
BEING LIKE
YOU POSSIBLY
UNDERSTAND
ABOUT ME?

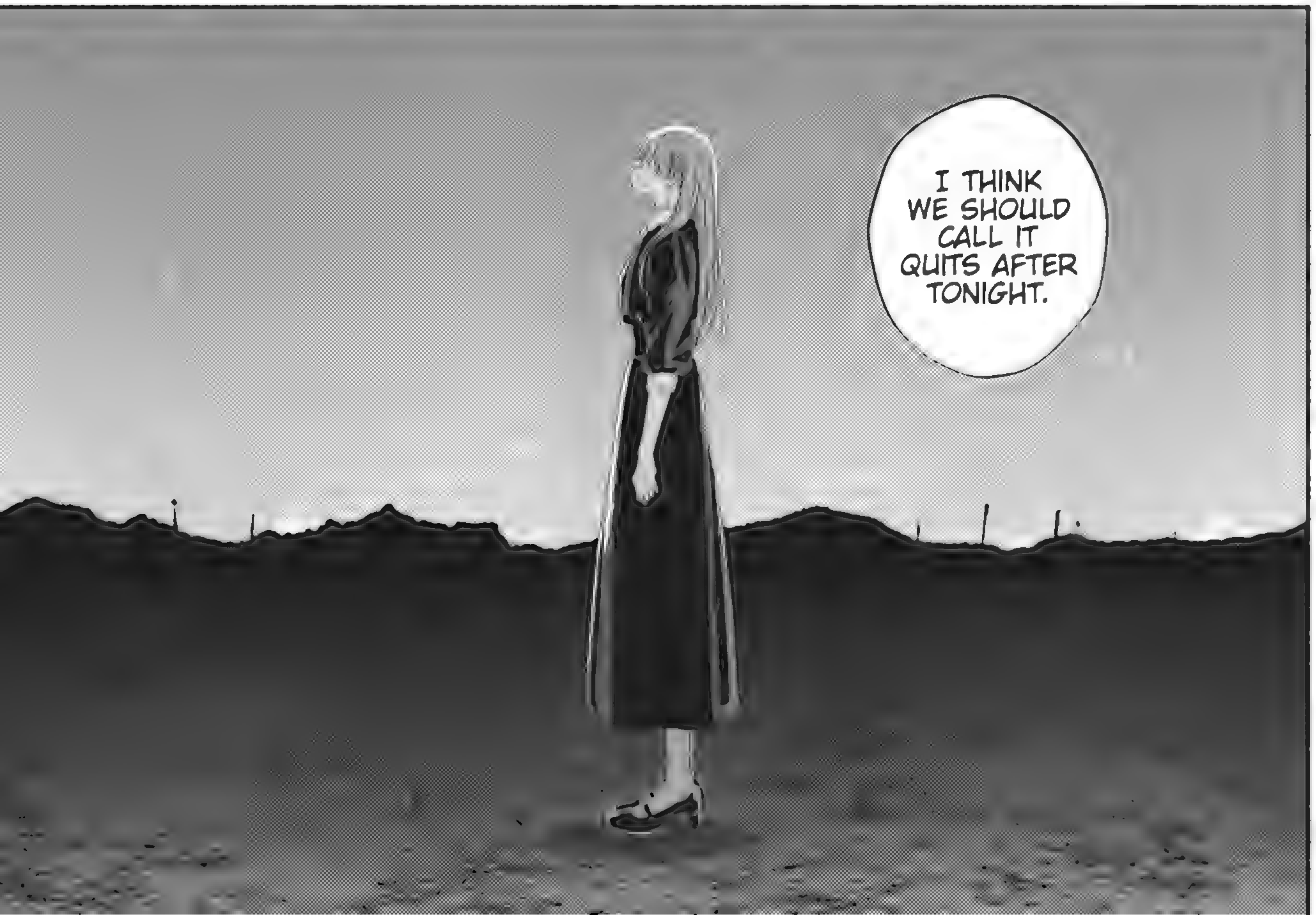
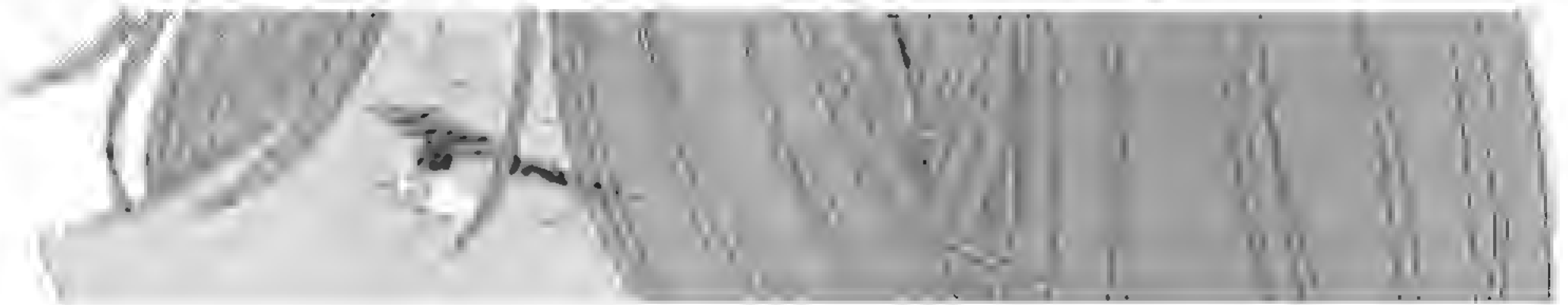
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STILL NO
SIGN OF
IT, HUH?

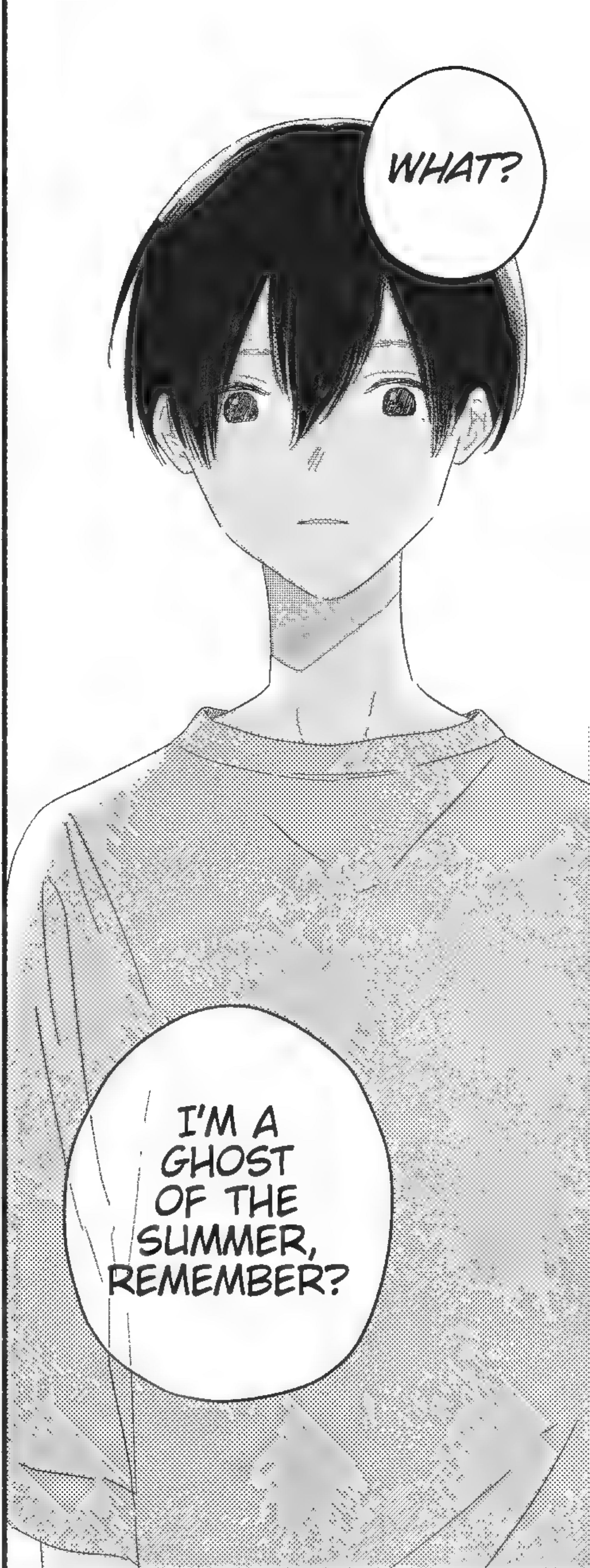






WE CAN'T
SEE EACH
OTHER
ANYMORE.

ONCE
SUMMER
TURNS TO
FALL...



WHAT?

I'M A
GHOST
OF THE
SUMMER,
REMEMBER?



I DON'T
KNOW
HOW MUCH
FREE TIME
I'LL HAVE
TO HELP
ONCE I'M IN
COLLEGE,
BUT...

THEN I'LL
WAIT. AND
I'LL COME
BACK NEXT
YEAR.



BUT...

ALL WE
CAN DO IS
WAIT UNTIL
NEXT
SUMMER.

SORRY,
THAT'S
JUST
THE WAY
IT IS.



TOMOYA-KUN...

YOU'VE
DONE
MORE THAN
ENOUGH.

IT'S TIME
FOR YOU TO
START LIVING
FOR YOUR
OWN SAKE
AGAIN.

I KNOW
THERE'S
A PLACE
FOR YOU
SOMEWHERE
IN THIS
WORLD...

AND PEOPLE
WHO REALLY,
TRULY CARE
ABOUT YOU
AS WELL.



NO.

REALLY,
IT'S FINE.



WHY ARE
YOU DOING
THIS TO ME
ALL OF A
SUDDEN?



BUT
MY POINT
STANDS.

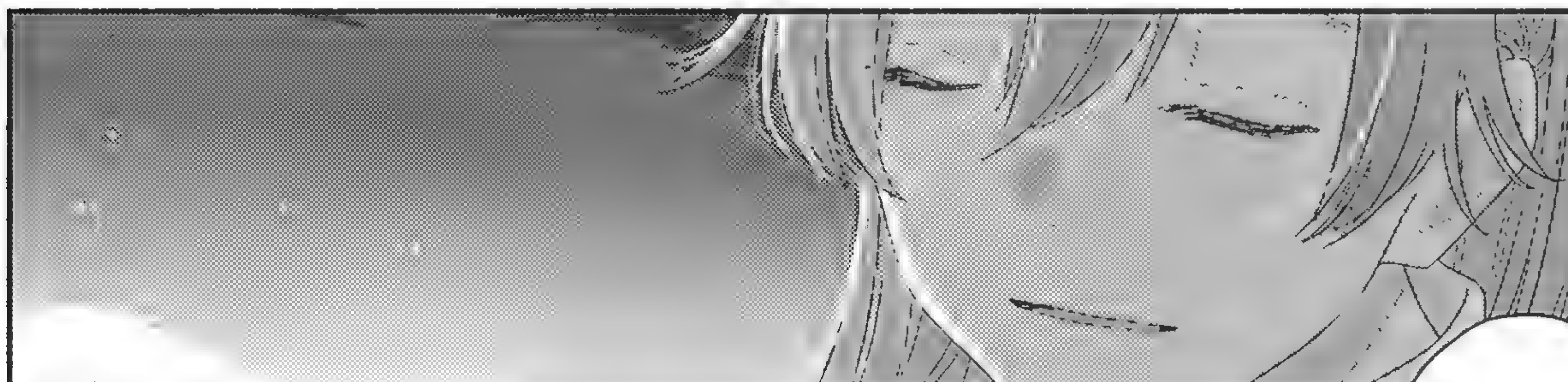
TONIGHT,
WE SAY
GOODBYE.



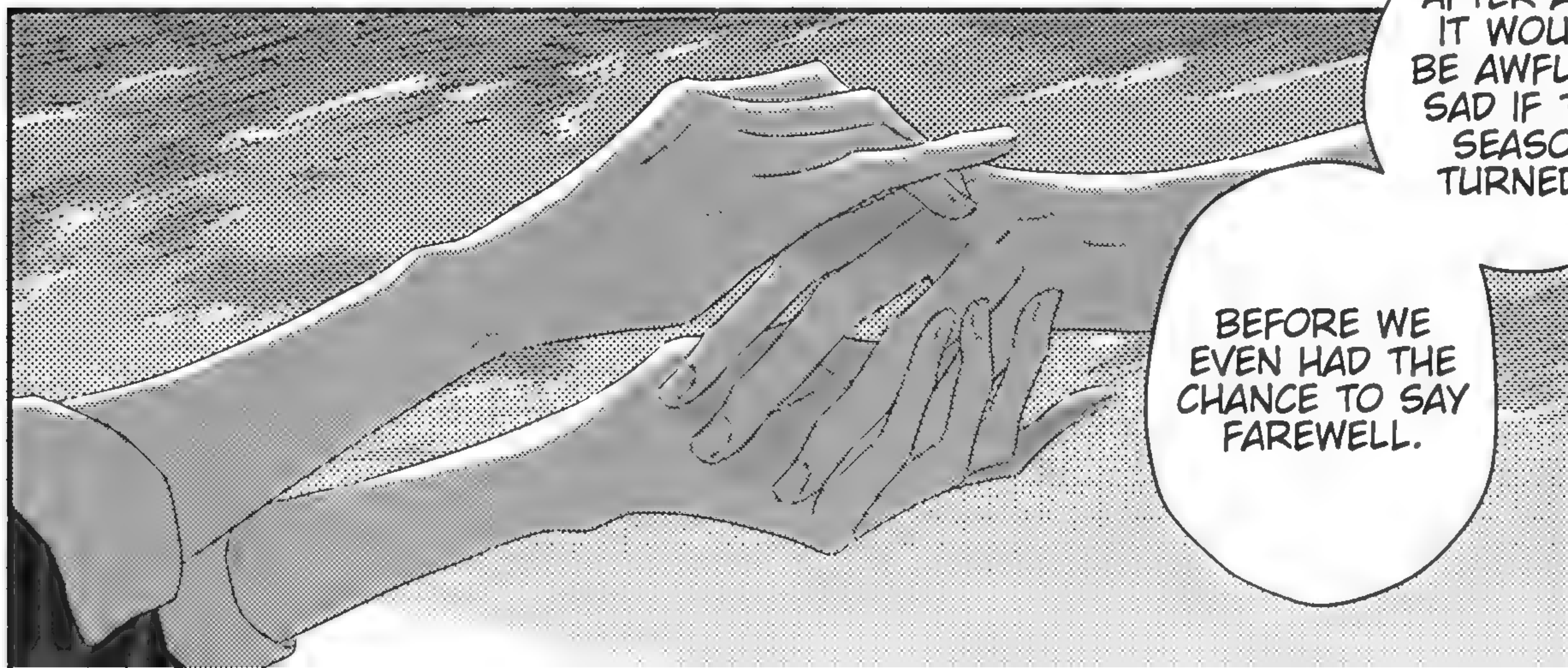
YOU'RE
WRONG.
NOBODY
CARES
ABOUT
ME.



RIGHT. I
GUESS YOU
WOULDN'T
KNOW,
WOULD
YOU...?



AFTER ALL,
IT WOULD
BE AWFULLY
SAD IF THE
SEASON
TURNED...



BEFORE WE
EVEN HAD THE
CHANCE TO SAY
FAREWELL.





JUST ONE
LAST TIME...
PLEASE.

...

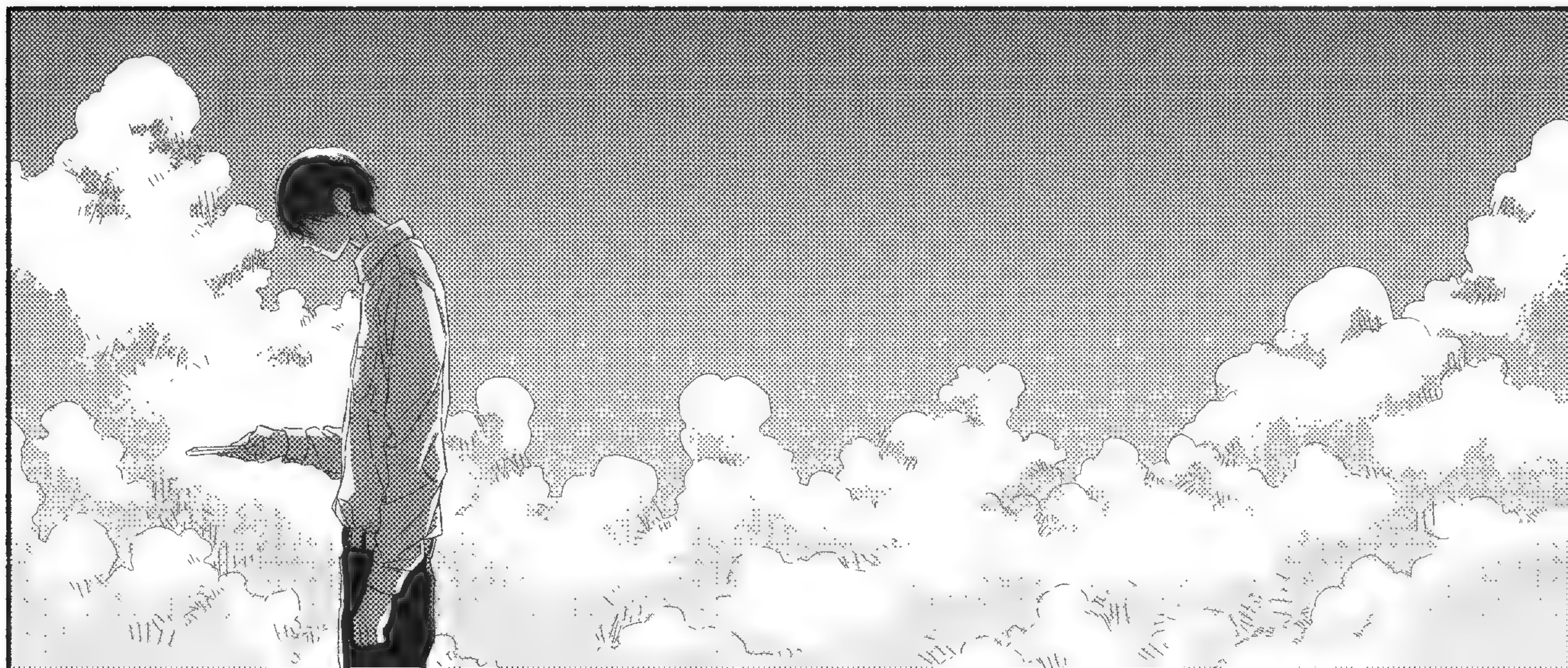
ALL
RIGHT.

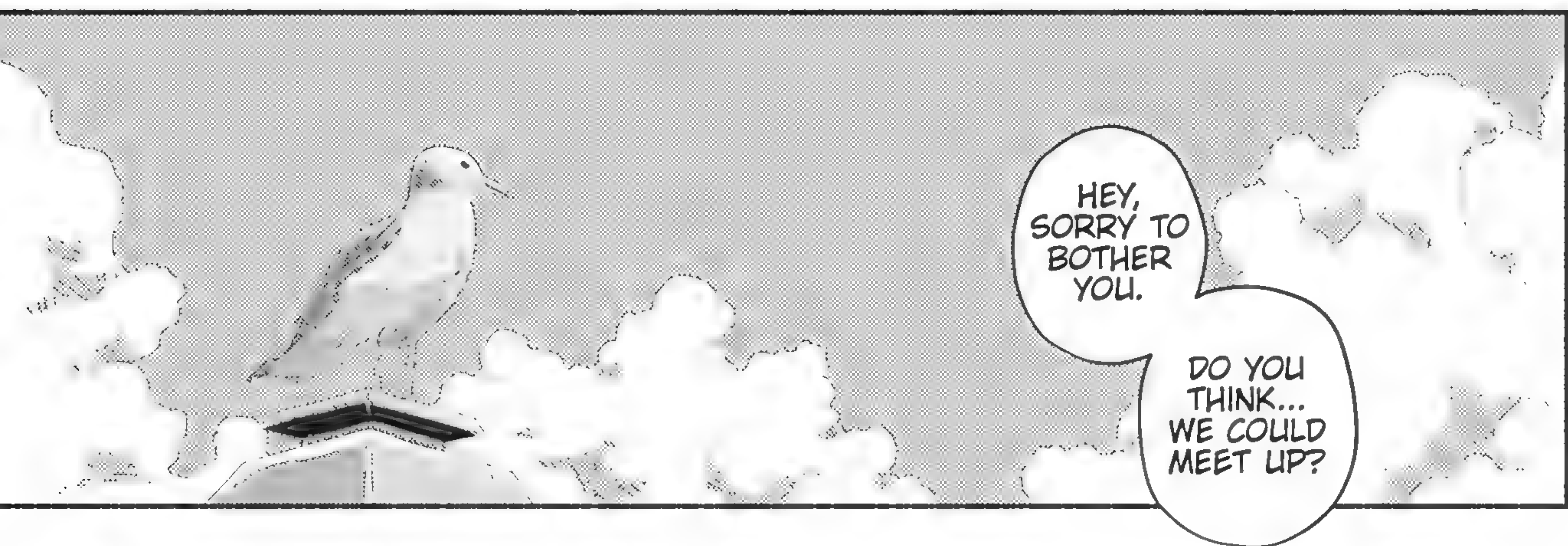
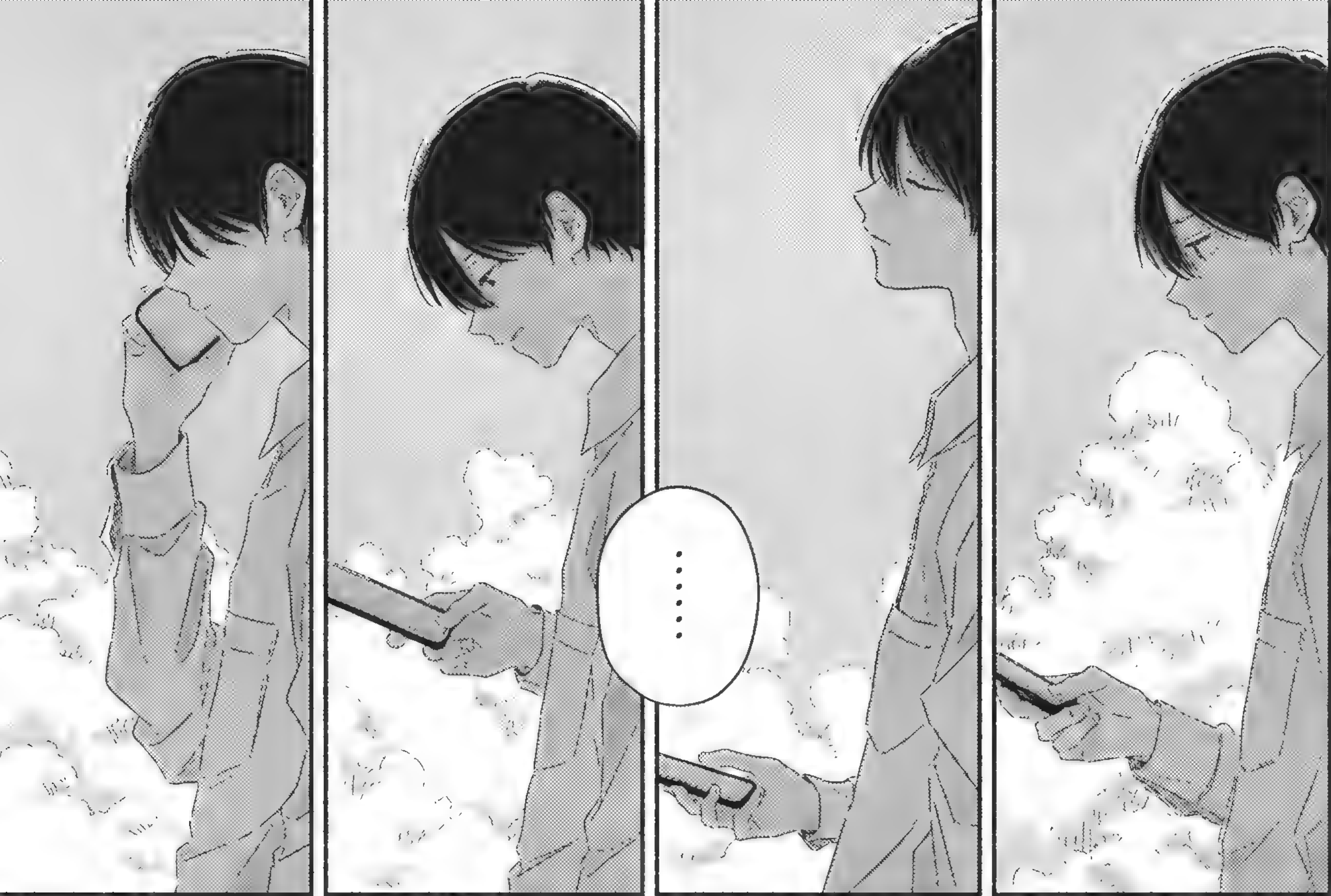


CAN I SEE
YOU AGAIN
TOMORROW?



I'LL
SEE YOU
TOMORROW,
THEN. FOR
THE LAST
TIME.







I THOUGHT
I WARNED
YOU TO STAY
AWAY FROM
HER.

DID
I NOT
MAKE
MYSELF
CLEAR?!

DO
YOU HAVE
ANY IDEA
HOW--



SORRY,
DID YOU
SAY...
CORPSE?

CORRECT.

IT SEEMS
HER BODY
WAS NEVER
FOUND.

SO
WE'VE
BEEN--

WHAT
THE HELL,
DUDE...



I LIED
TO YOU.
AND I'M
SORRY.

THE
TRUTH IS,
I'VE BEEN
VISITING
HER REGU-
LARLY.



WHO
THE HELL
CARES,
MAN...

NOT
ME.

THAT'S
FOR
DAMN
SURE.

NO
WAY.

I'M NOT GONNA
LIFT A SINGLE
FINGER TO HELP
SOMEONE WHO
TOOK THEIR
OWN LIFE.

BUT
SHE
DIDN'T.



AND I
CAN'T DO
THIS ALL BY
MYSELF...

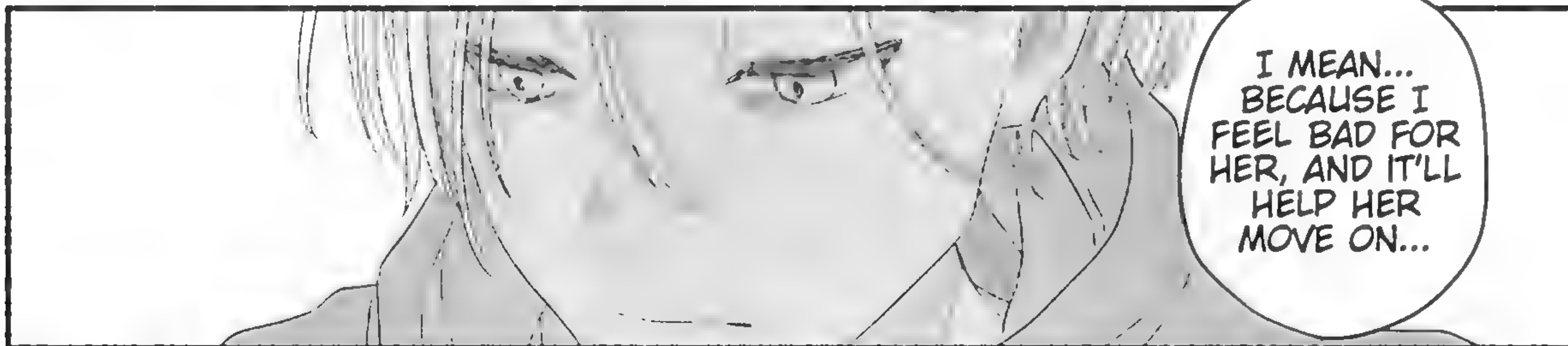


BUT THIS
WILL BE
THE LAST
TIME.

AFTER
TONIGHT,
I CAN'T
SEE HER
ANYMORE.



TOMOYA.





WHADDYA
SAY,
TOMOYA?

YOU WANNA
BE MY LITTLE
SAVIOR BOY
TOO?



I'VE
BEEN
SICK FOR
A LONG
TIME.

AND
THERE'S
NOTHING
THEY CAN
DO ABOUT
IT.



RYO-
KUN!



IS HELPING
AYANE-SAN
REALLY...



I'VE
GOTTA
GO HELP
AYANE-
SAN...

WHY
WASTE MY
BREATH
TRYING TO
CONVINCE
HIM?



YOU'RE
NOT
GONNA
GO AFTER
HIM?

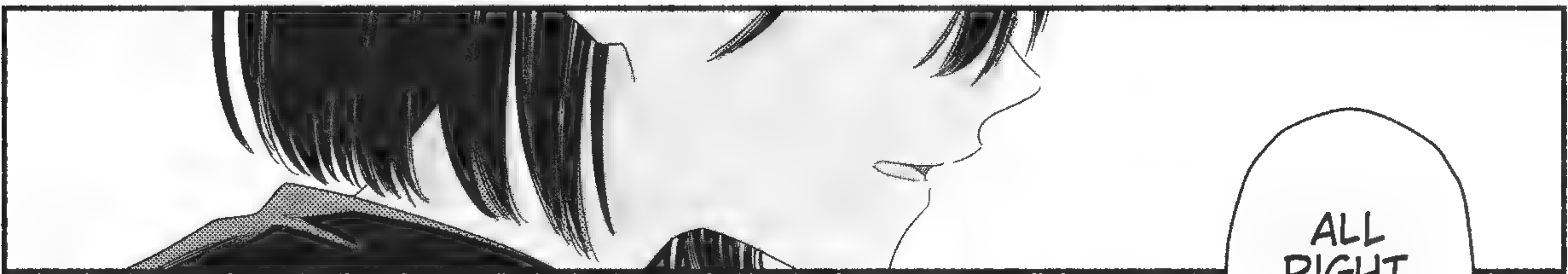
TOMOYA-
KUN...

EVEN
THOUGH
THIS
COULD
BE...

THE LAST
TIME YOU
EVER SEE
HIM?



THE
ONLY THING
KEEPING YOU
ALIVE RIGHT
NOW?



ALL
RIGHT,
THEN.



IS
SOMETHING
WRONG?



YOU'RE
NOT
WRONG
FOR THAT.

THAT'S
OKAY.



I'LL FIND
YOUR BODY
TONIGHT. I
PROMISE.



NOPE.
I'M ALL
GOOD.

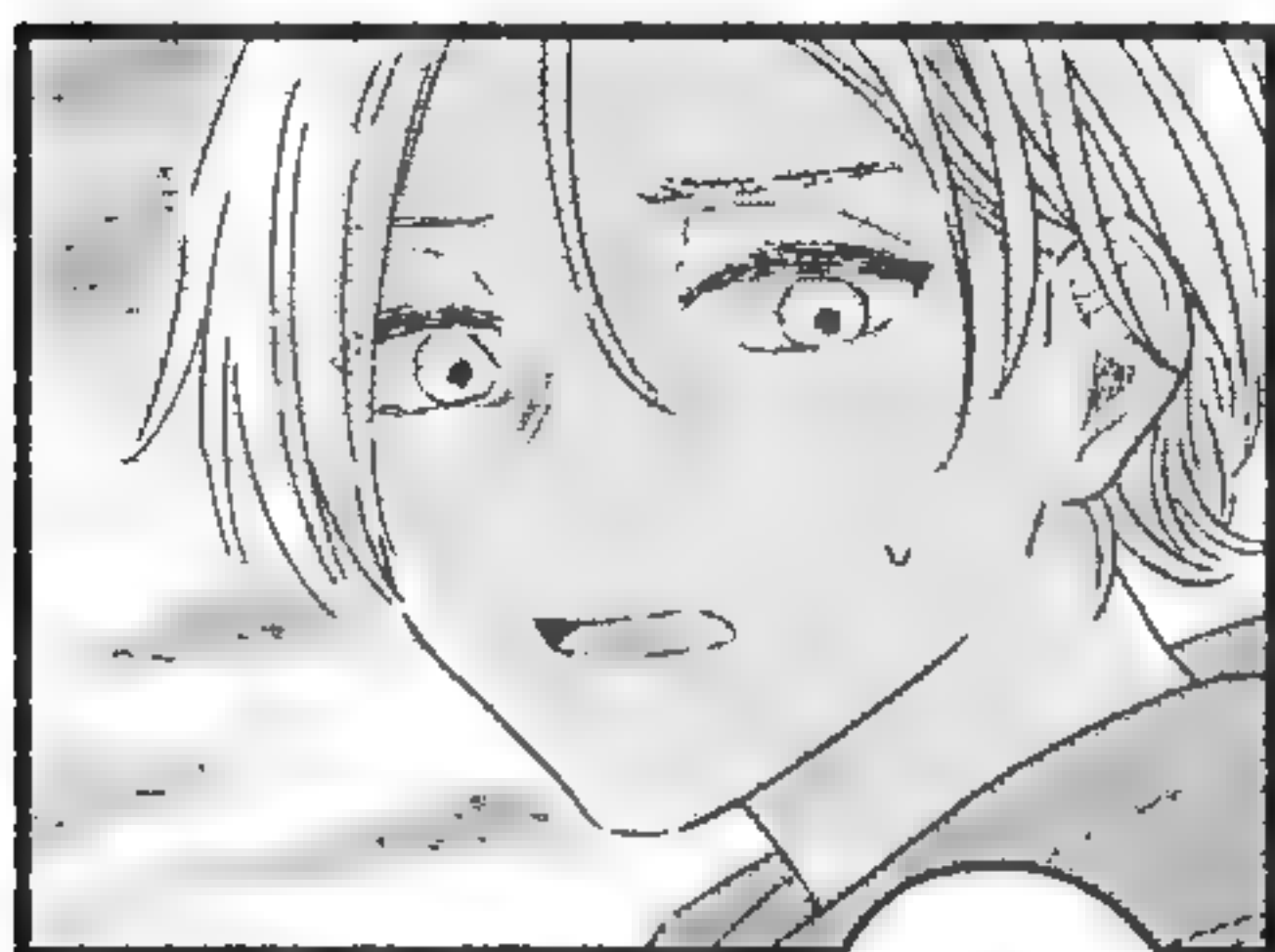
IF
YOU
SAY
SO...

DON'T
WORRY,
AYANE-
SAN.



RYO-
KUN!

WAIT
UP!



YEAH...
SORRY
...

YOU
OKAY?



I--

ACK!

HEY!





THE WAY
YOU TALK
ABOUT THE
FUTURE, AND
THINGS YOU
WANNA DO
SOMEDAY...

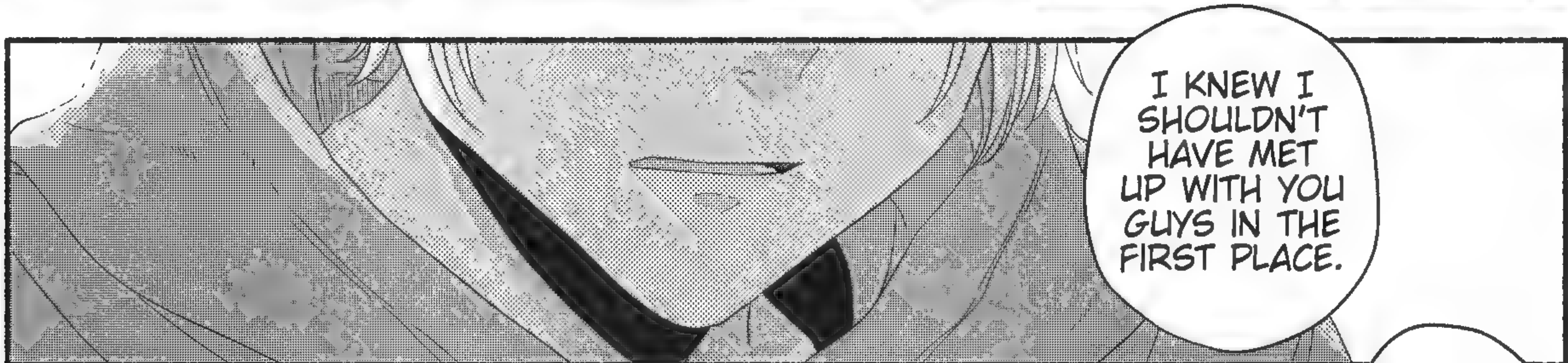
IT HURTS
HAVING
TO LISTEN
TO ALL OF
THAT.

I'LL
NEVER
HAVE A
FUTURE.



CAN'T YOU
JUST LEAVE
ME ALONE
ALREADY?

IT'S NOT
EASY FOR
ME TO BE
AROUND
YOU GUYS,
Y'KNOW.



I KNEW I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE MET
UP WITH YOU
GUYS IN THE
FIRST PLACE.



GOTTEN
TO MEET
EACH
OTHER...

DON'T ACT
LIKE YOU
WISH WE'D
NEVER...



I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE
RISKED
GETTING
ATTACHED.

OH,
COME
ON...

DON'T
SAY
THAT.



IF I
WAS JUST
GONNA DIE
ANYWAY...

I'VE
KNOWN
THIS
ENTIRE
TIME, YOU
KNOW.

THAT
YOU WERE
PROBABLY
GOING
TO DIE.





THEN
BY ALL
MEANS,
FEEL
FREE.



PEOPLE
LIKE YOU
MAKE ME
SICK.

IF YOU
WANNA
END IT SO
BADLY...



YOU
CAN'T BE
SERIOUS,
DUDE.

I JUST
TOLD YOU
I'M ABOUT
TO DIE...

AND *THIS* IS
HOW YOU TRY
TO RELATE
TO ME? LIKE
THAT'S GONNA
MAKE ME FEEL
BETTER?

DON'T
COMPARE
YOURSELF
TO ME.

OKAY.
I'M
SORRY.



YOU
KNOW,
RYO-
KUN...

YOU DON'T
REALIZE HOW
LUCKY YOU
ARE, JUST
FOR *HAVING*
SOMETHING
YOU WISH YOU
COULD STAY
ALIVE FOR.





CHAPTER 13



Seek out the shadow of death

NOPE.

That which is both of this world and no longer

This area is under construction
ask for your cooperation
apologize for any inconvenience

That which is not as it rightly should be

NOPE.

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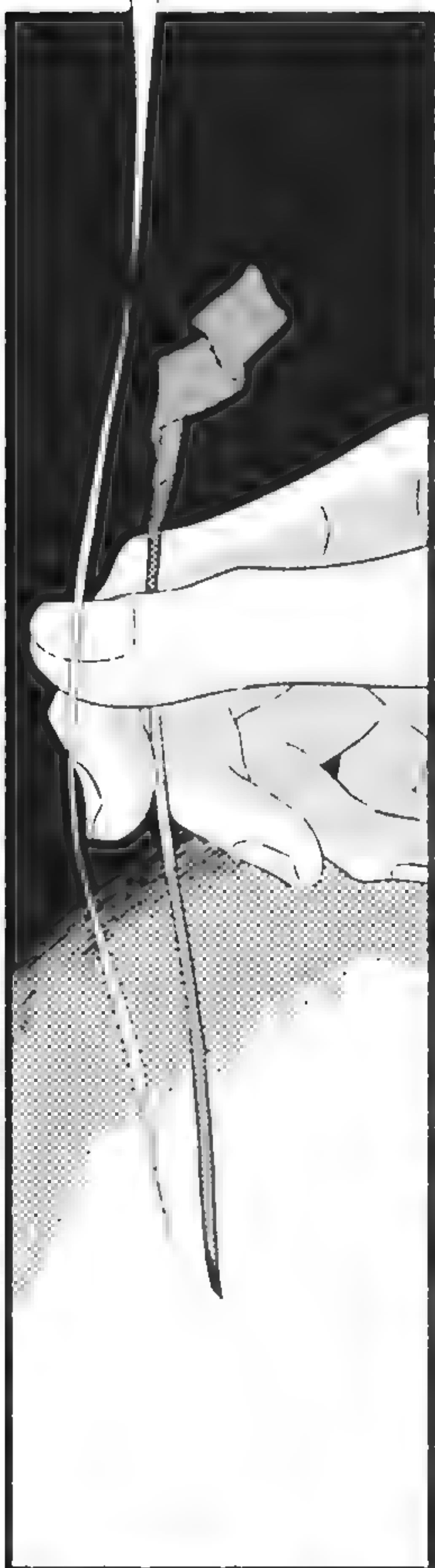
NOPE.

NOPE.

The flesh without the soul

NOPE.

Find my corpse...



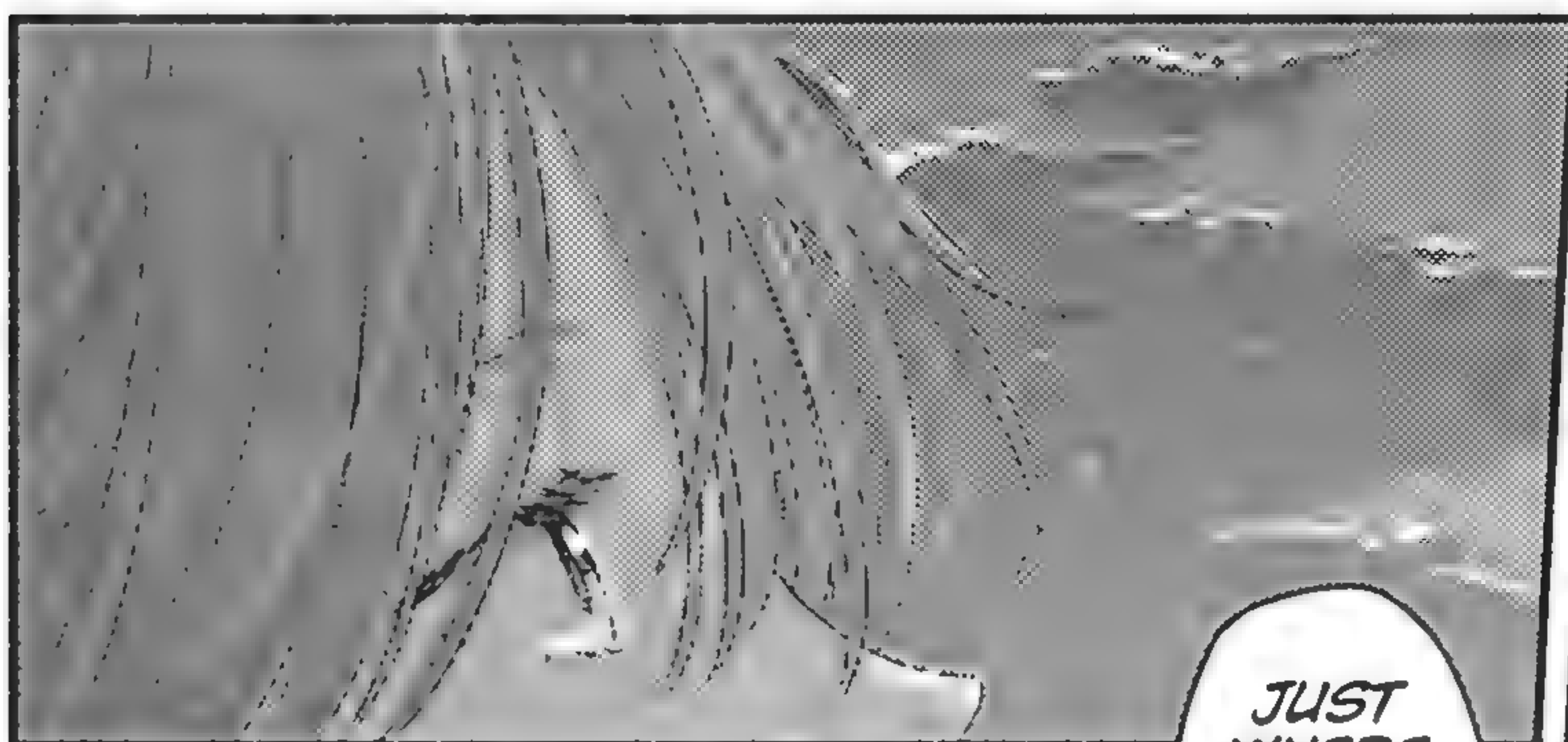
AH!



SIGH...



CHIK





I'M
WISHING
WITH
ALL MY
HEART...

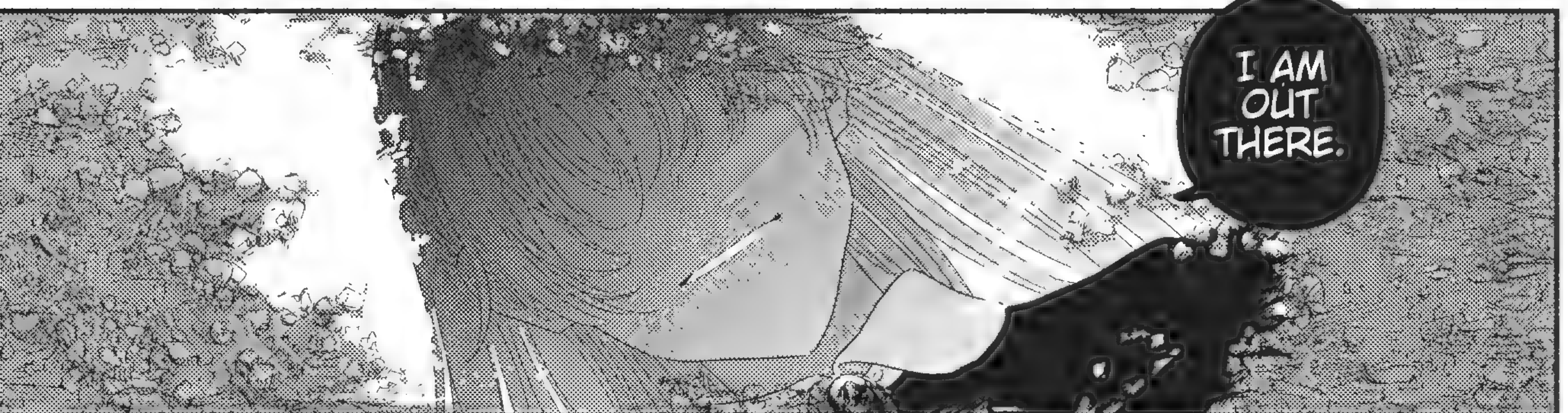
AND YET
I CAN'T
SENSE A
THING.

SHE'S
GOT TO BE
OUT THERE
SOME-
WHERE...
RIGHT?

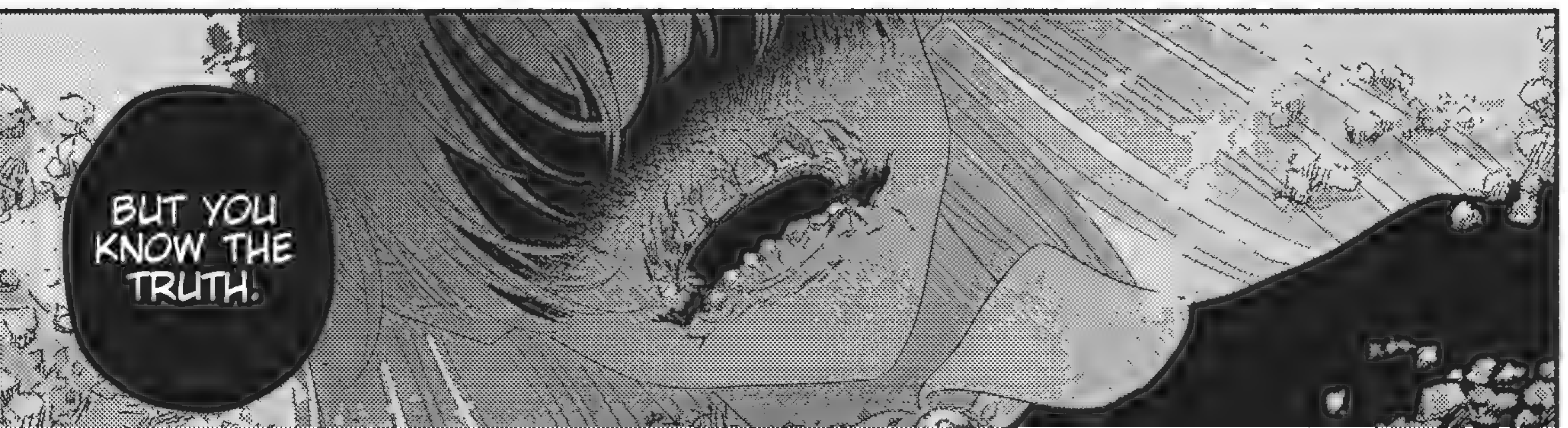
UNLESS,
MAYBE...

SHE'S
ALREADY...

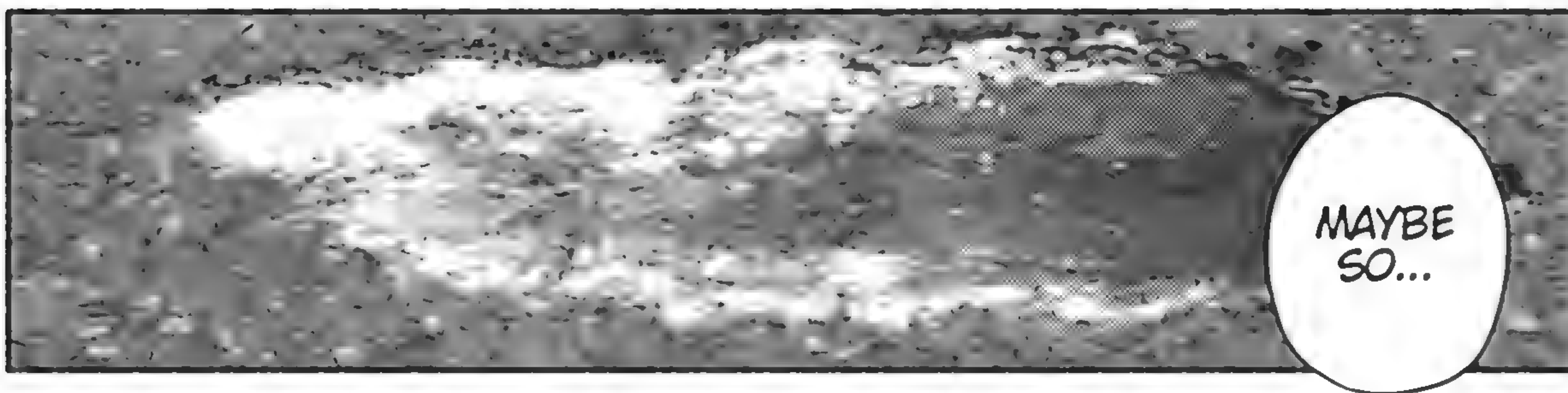
NO,
LOVE.



I AM
OUT
THERE.



BUT YOU
KNOW THE
TRUTH.





YES
IT IS!
TRUST
ME!

NO, IT'S
NOT DUMB
AT ALL.

THAT'S
THE
DUMBEST
THING
I'VE EVER
HEARD.



THE
HELL ARE
YOU EVEN
SAYING?



I WISH I
HAD PEOPLE
WHO FELT
SORRY FOR
ME, EVEN A
LITTLE BIT.



YOU
DON'T
KNOW
WHAT IT'S
LIKE!



OFFERING
CHEAP REAS-
SURANCES,
TELLING ME
TO HANG IN
THERE, THAT
I'LL MAKE IT
THROUGH...

EVERYONE
ALWAYS
WALKING ON
EGGSHELLS
AROUND
YOU...

IT'S
MISERABLE
BEING
TREATED LIKE
A GODDAMN
INVALID...



FEEL
FREE TO
JOIN ME!

LIKE
I SAID,
IF YOU
WANNA DIE
SO BADLY,
THEN GO
AHEAD!



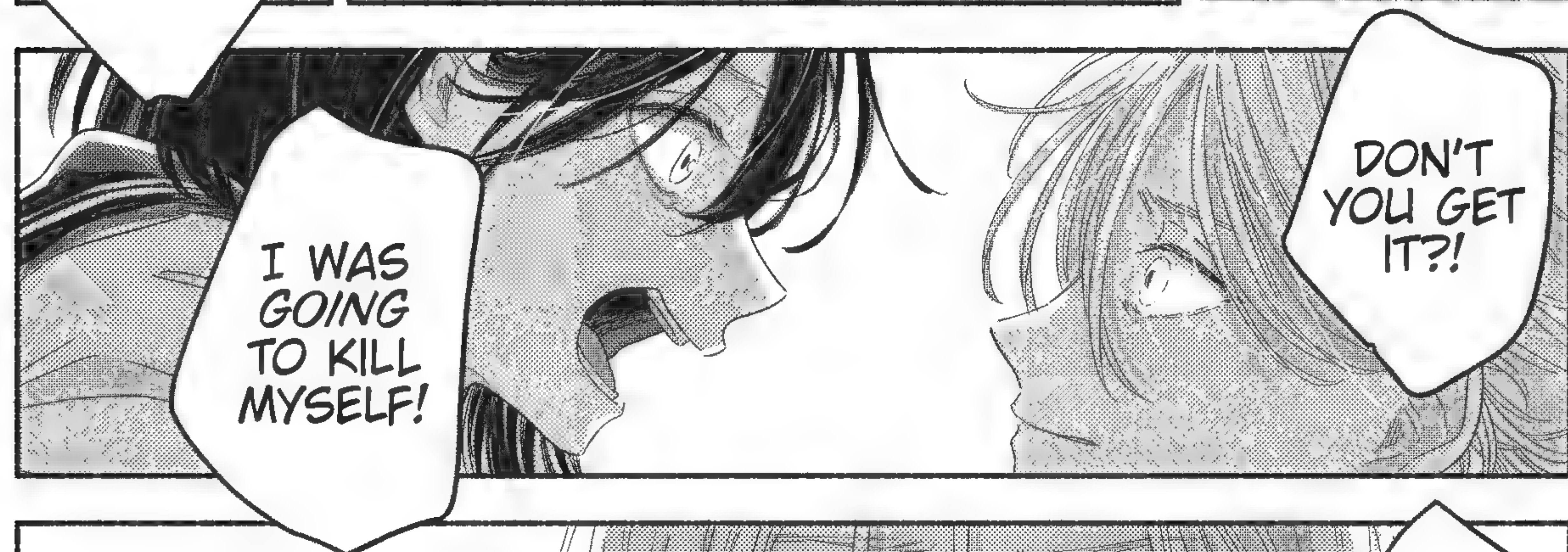
I'M DONE
ARGUING
WITH YOU
ABOUT
THIS!



YOU'VE
NEVER
BEEN
ALONE
LIKE I
HAVE!

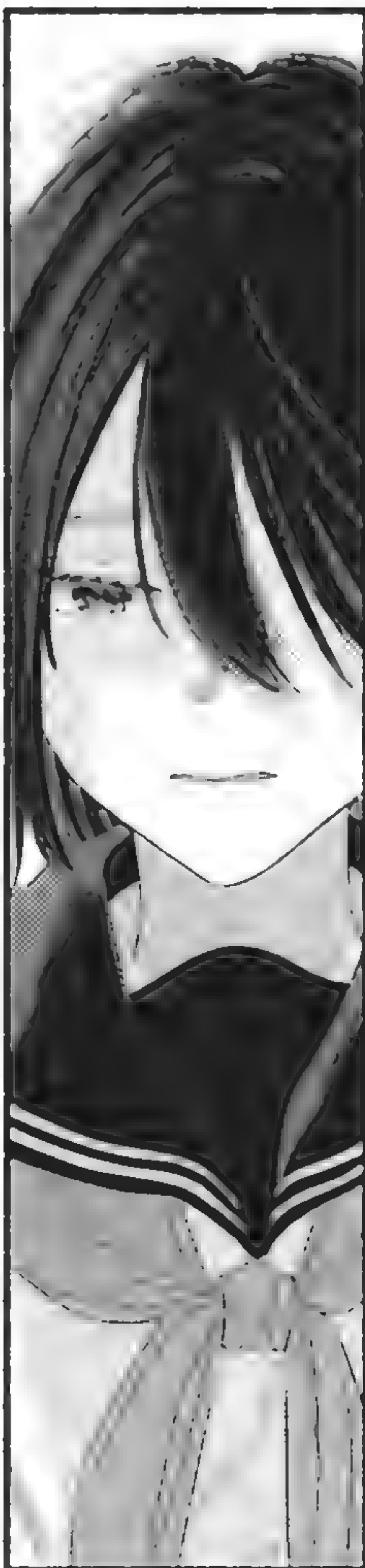


AND YOU
DON'T KNOW
WHAT IT'S LIKE
TO NOT EVEN
HAVE PEOPLE
WHO'LL
TRY TO
REASSURE
YOU!

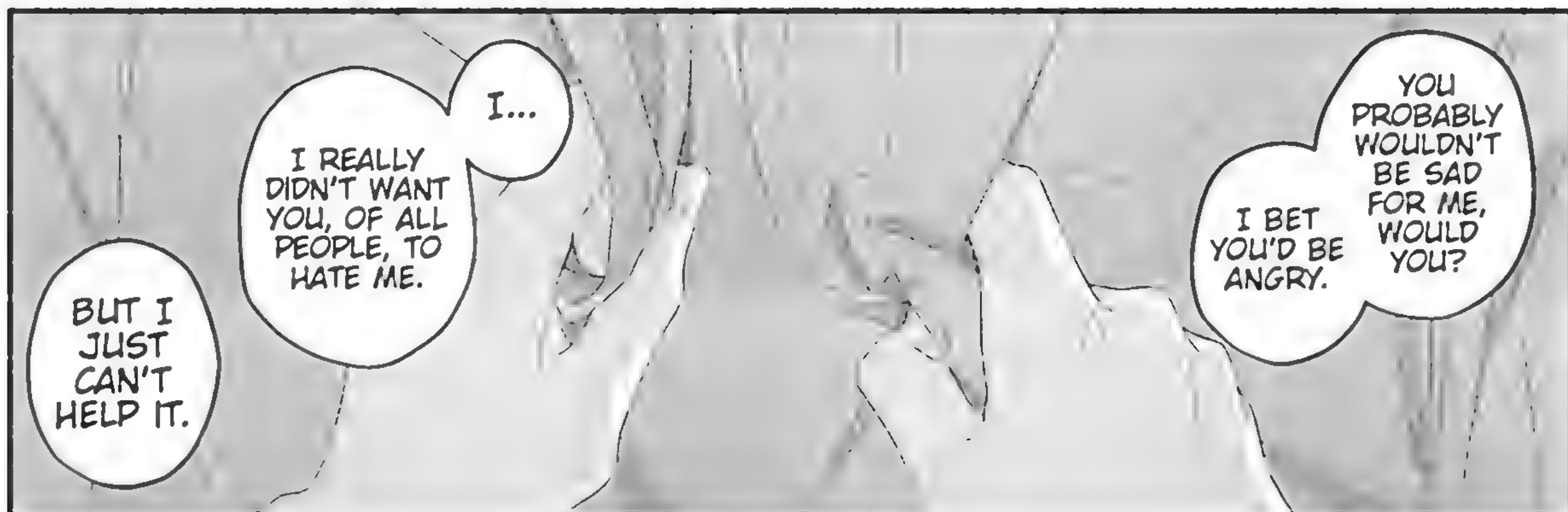




I CAN'T
HELP BUT
WONDER
HOW YOU
WOULD FEEL
IF I WENT
THROUGH
WITH IT.



BUT
NOW...



BUT I
JUST
CAN'T
HELP IT.

I REALLY
DIDN'T WANT
YOU, OF ALL
PEOPLE, TO
HATE ME.

I...

I BET
YOU'D BE
ANGRY.

YOU
PROBABLY
WOULDN'T
BE SAD
FOR ME,
WOULD
YOU?

AM I
REALLY SO
HORRIBLE
FOR BEING
IN SO MUCH
PAIN I WANT
TO DIE?

RYO-
KUN...

TELL
ME...



I CAN'T
TAKE IT
ANYMORE.

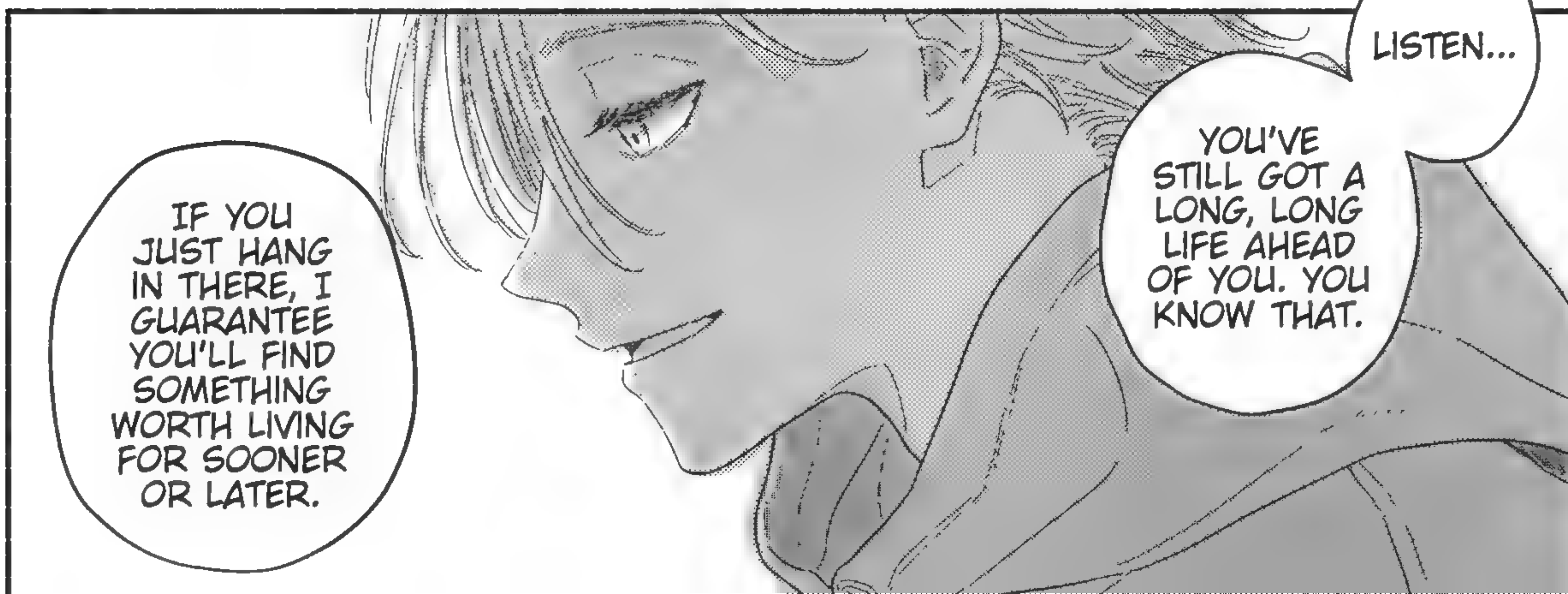
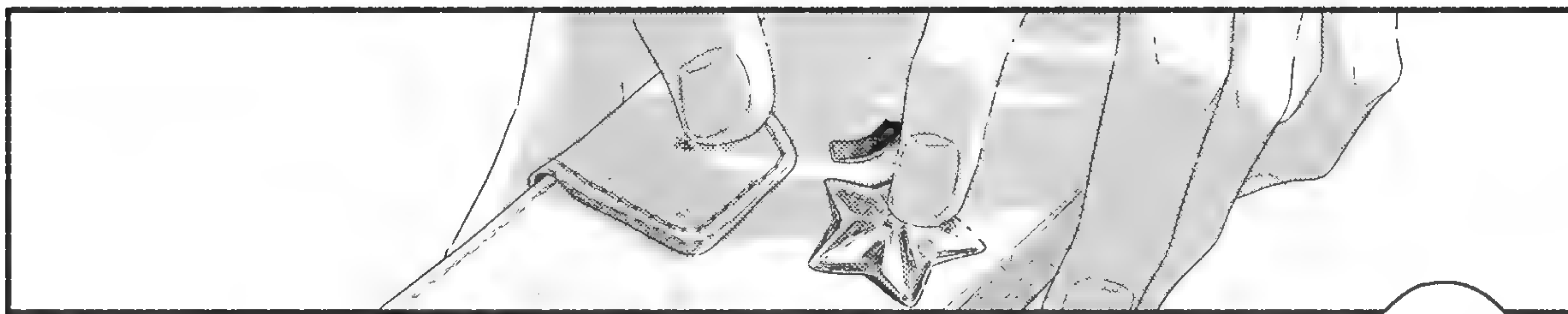
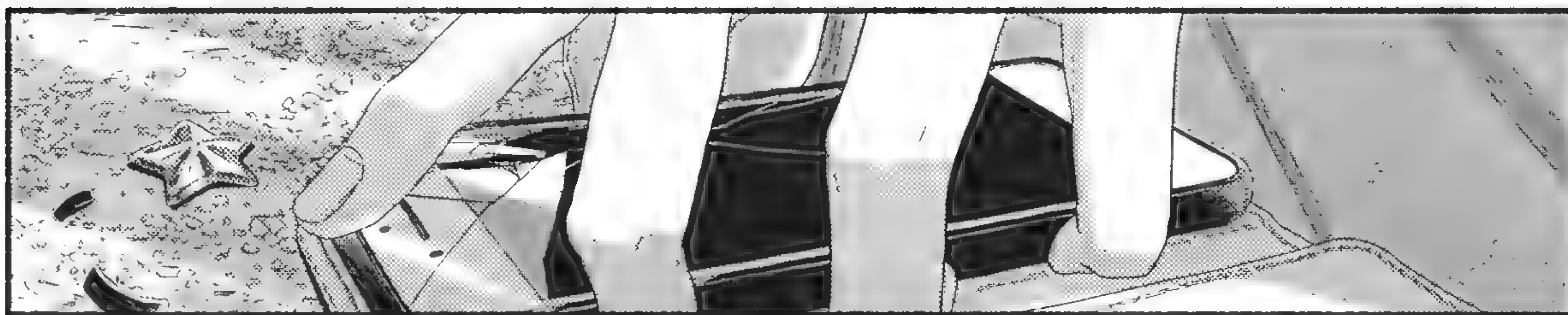
I'M A WASTE
OF SPACE
WHILE I'M
ALIVE, AND I'LL
BE A WASTE
OF LIFE WHEN
I'M DEAD.



I'VE
BEEN
JUDGED.

ALL MY LIFE,
NO MATTER
WHAT I DO,
I'M TREATED
LIKE A
FAILURE AND
AN OUTCAST.

DON'T
JUDGE
ME JUST
BECAUSE
I'D CHOOSE
DEATH
OVER THIS
MISERY.



IF YOU
JUST HANG
IN THERE, I
GUARANTEE
YOU'LL FIND
SOMETHING
WORTH LIVING
FOR SOONER
OR LATER.

LISTEN...

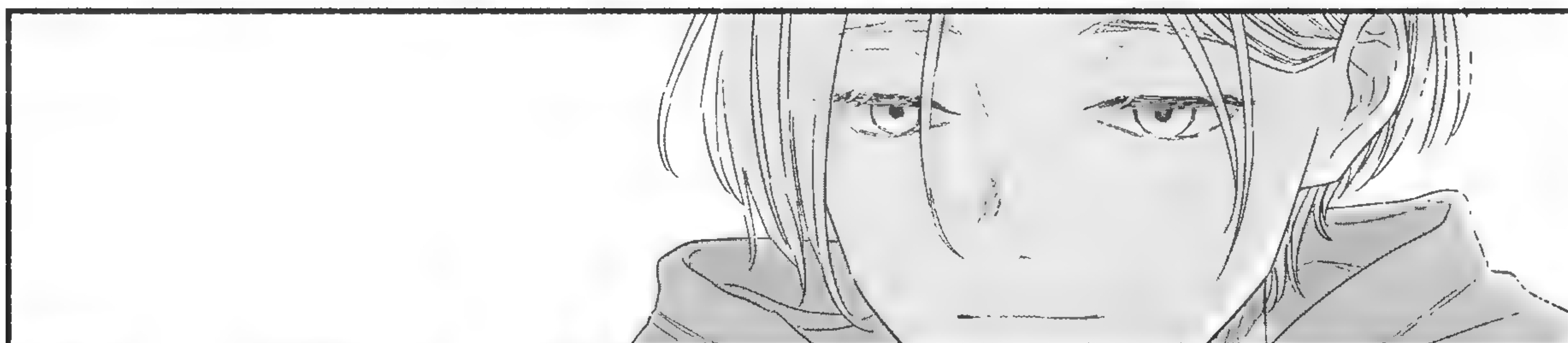
YOU'VE
STILL GOT A
LONG, LONG
LIFE AHEAD
OF YOU. YOU
KNOW THAT.



YOU'RE
LUCKY,
RYO-KUN...
YOU'VE NEVER
BEEN FORCED
TO EXIST
SOMEWHERE
YOU'RE NOT
WANTED.



JUST
"HANG IN
THERE,"
HUH...?



I MEAN,
I'VE BEEN
STRUGGLING
THIS WHOLE
TIME TOO,
Y'KNOW.



YEAH,
MAYBE
SO...



I THINK
WE'D BOTH
BE BETTER
OFF IF
WE JUST
WENT OUR
SEPARATE
WAYS.

Y'KNOW
WHAT,
JUST
FORGET
IT.

I REALLY
DON'T HAVE
THE ENERGY
FOR THIS
STUFF
ANYMORE.

TO CARE ABOUT
OTHER PEOPLE
OR TO TRY TO
MAKE THEM FEEL
BETTER ABOUT
THEMSELVES.



PLAYING BASKETBALL TOGETHER, EVEN THOUGH I'VE BEEN TRYING SO HARD TO FORGET...

STUDYING FOR A COLLEGE I WON'T GET TO ATTEND...

HANGING AROUND AT THE DINER WITH YOU GUYS...



RYO-KUN.



SAY WHA...?

COME ON. TOMOYA-KUN NEEDS OUR HELP.

...



WE ALL DO NEED EACH OTHER AFTER ALL!

I TAKE BACK WHAT I JUST SAID!



I JUST WANNA BE LEFT ALONE.

I DON'T WANNA BE AROUND YOU GUYS ANYMORE.

DID YOU NOT HEAR ME?

WH...

WHAT, NO...



I'M A BAD PERSON.

AND THE MORE TIME I SPEND AROUND THEM, THE MORE I CAN FEEL MYSELF TURNING INTO SOMEONE I'M NOT.

ALL I DO IS SAY THINGS THAT HURT OTHER PEOPLE.

IT'LL BE FINE, I PROMISE.

NO IT WON'T, ALL RIGHT?!

LOOK.



STOP IT. NO I'M NOT.

YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON, RYO-KUN.

BUT YOU'RE NOT.

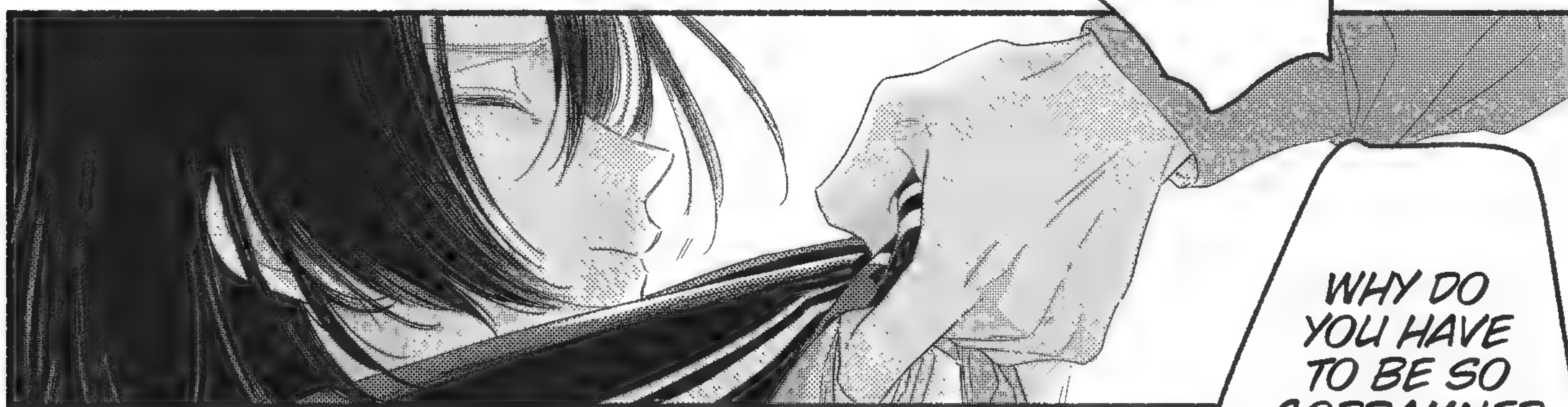
I DON'T WANNA TURN INTO SOMEONE COMPLETELY IRREDEEMABLE.

I DON'T WANNA LOSE ANY MORE OF MYSELF.

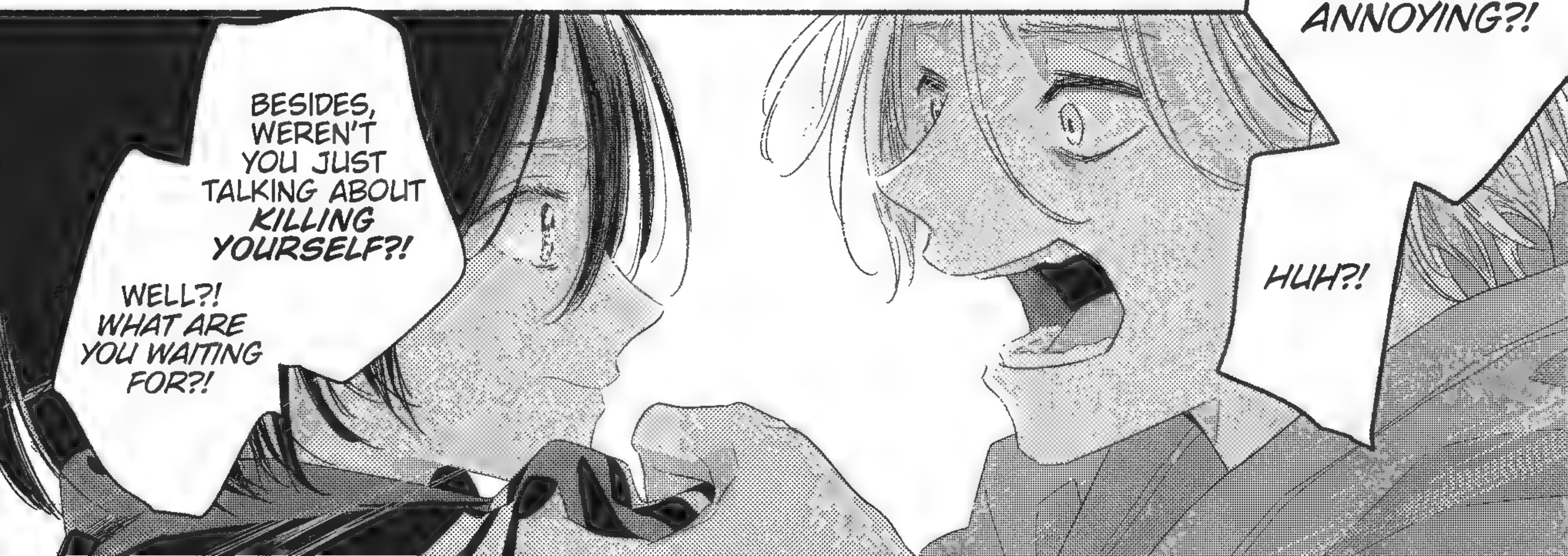


I SAID KNOCK IT OFF!!

AND I'M SURE TOMOYA-KUN--



WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO GODDAMNED ANNOYING?!



BESIDES, WEREN'T YOU JUST TALKING ABOUT KILLING YOURSELF?!

WELL?! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!

HUH?!



RYO-KUN...



DO IT!

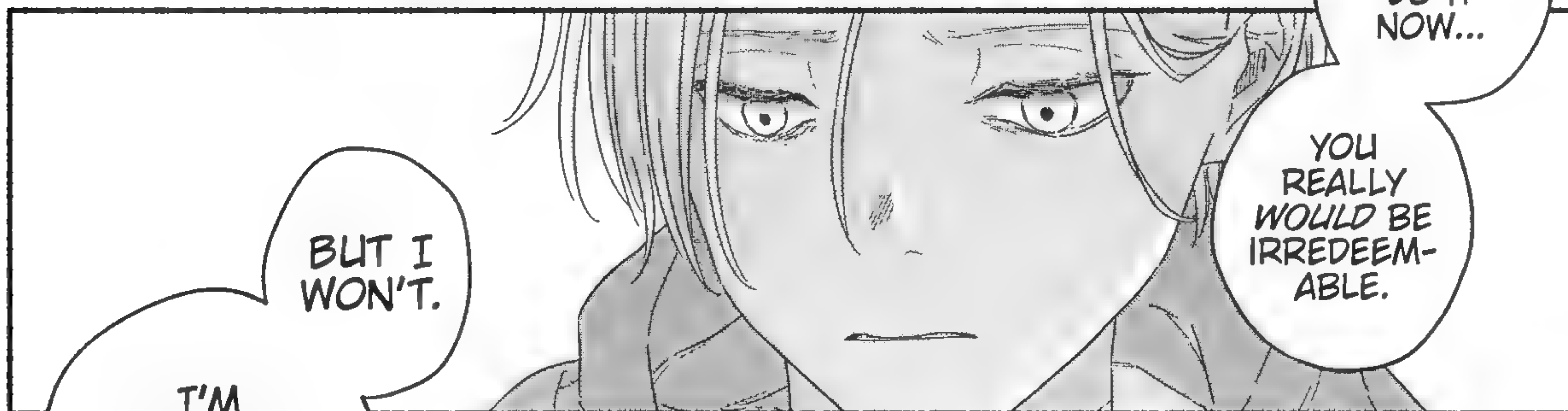
AND DON'T EVER TALK TO ME AGAIN!

JUST DIE ALREADY!



YOU JUST TOLD ME TO KILL MYSELF.

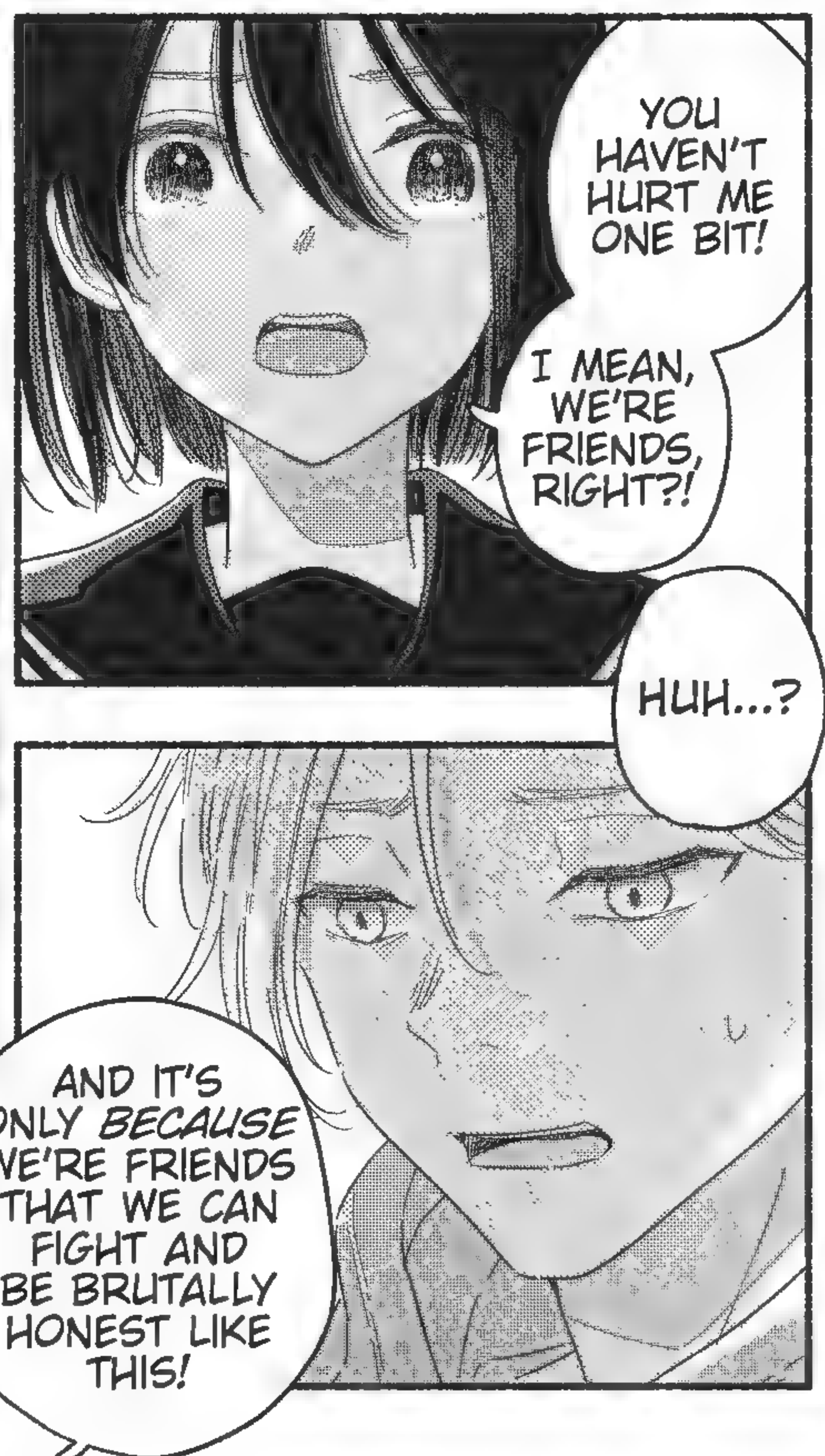
IF I WERE TO ACTUALLY DO IT NOW...



BUT I WON'T.

YOU REALLY WOULD BE IRREDEEMABLE.

I'M GOING TO LIVE, NO MATTER WHAT.





UNTIL
I HAD
FRIENDS
TO SHARE
THOSE
THINGS
WITH.

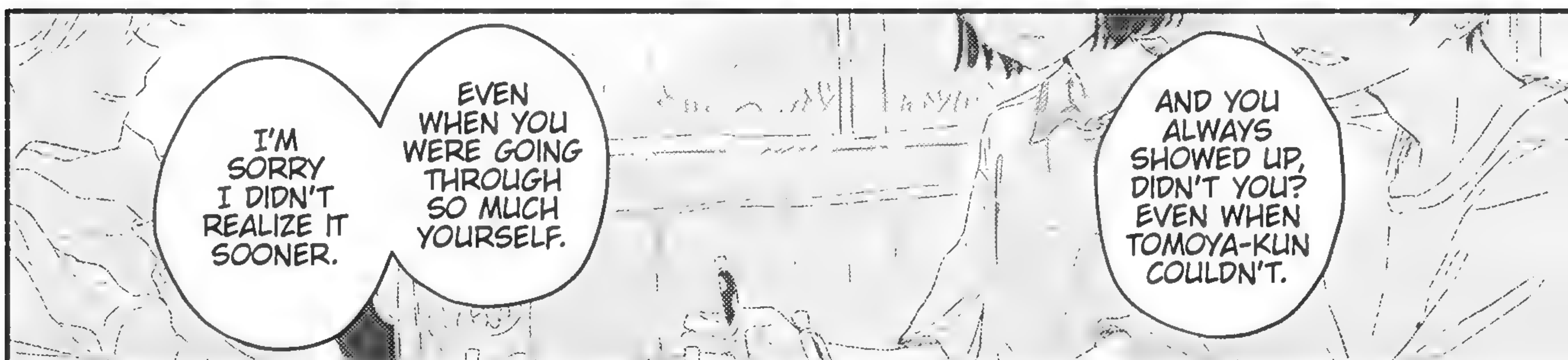
TO BE
HONEST, IT WAS
ENOUGH TO
MAKE ME THINK
THAT MAYBE I
DIDN'T HAVE TO
KILL MYSELF
AFTER ALL.



OR
A MEAL
COULD
TASTE SO
GOOD...

I NEVER
KNEW
FIREWORKS
COULD
BE SO
PRETTY...

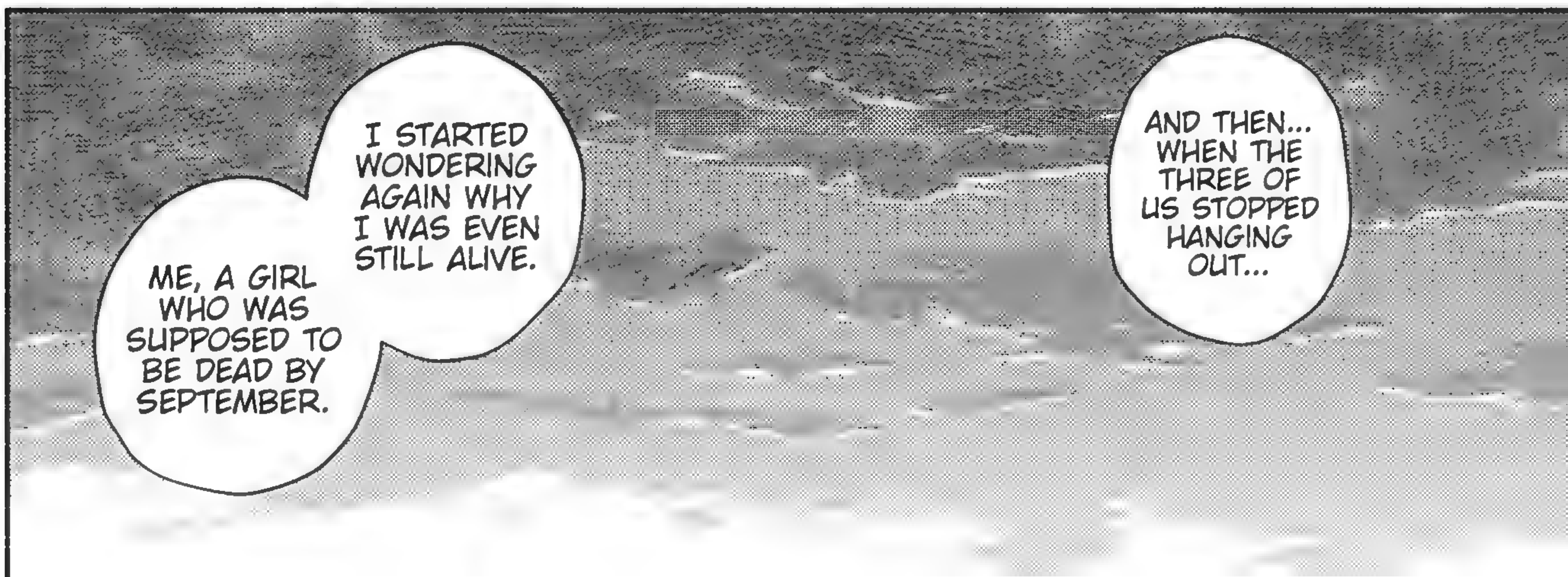
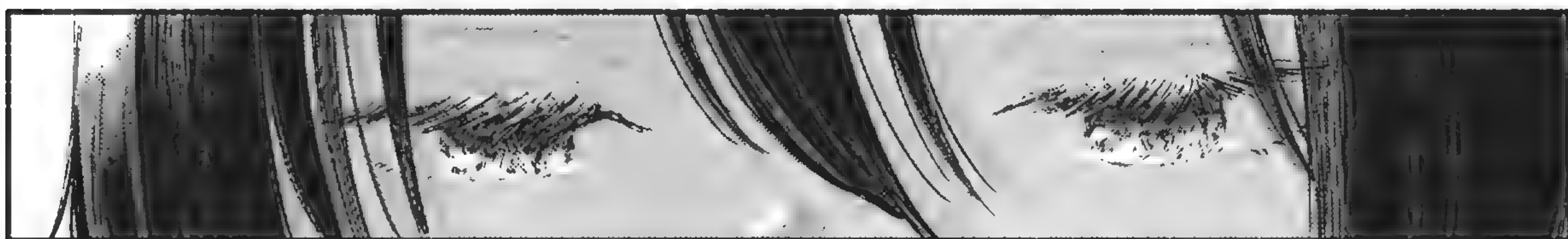
OR HOW
MUCH FUN
IT COULD
BE TO STAY
OUT LATE...



I'M
SORRY
I DIDN'T
REALIZE IT
SOONER.

EVEN
WHEN YOU
WERE GOING
THROUGH
SO MUCH
YOURSELF.

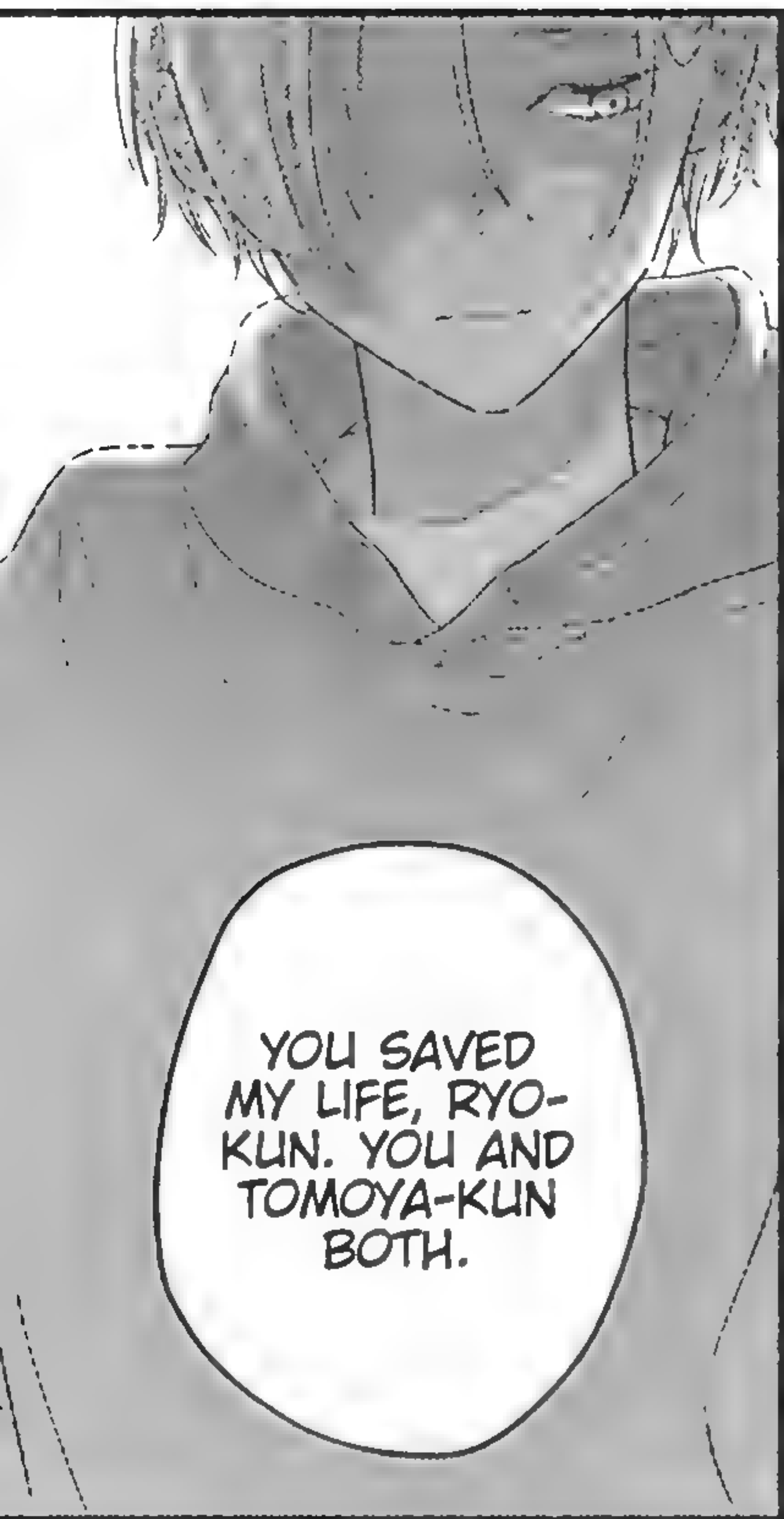
AND YOU
ALWAYS
SHOWED UP,
DIDN'T YOU?
EVEN WHEN
TOMOYA-KUN
COULDN'T.



ME, A GIRL
WHO WAS
SUPPOSED TO
BE DEAD BY
SEPTEMBER.

I STARTED
WONDERING
AGAIN WHY
I WAS EVEN
STILL ALIVE.

AND THEN...
WHEN THE
THREE OF
US STOPPED
HANGING
OUT...



YOU SAVED
MY LIFE, RYO-
KUN. YOU AND
TOMOYA-KUN
BOTH.



A GIRL WHO,
BY RIGHTS,
SHOULDN'T
EVEN EXIST IN
THIS WORLD
ANYMORE.

NOW
LEFT TO
WANDER
THESE
STREETS
ALONE
AGAIN.

LIKE SOME
SORT OF
GHOST.



SO
PLEASE...

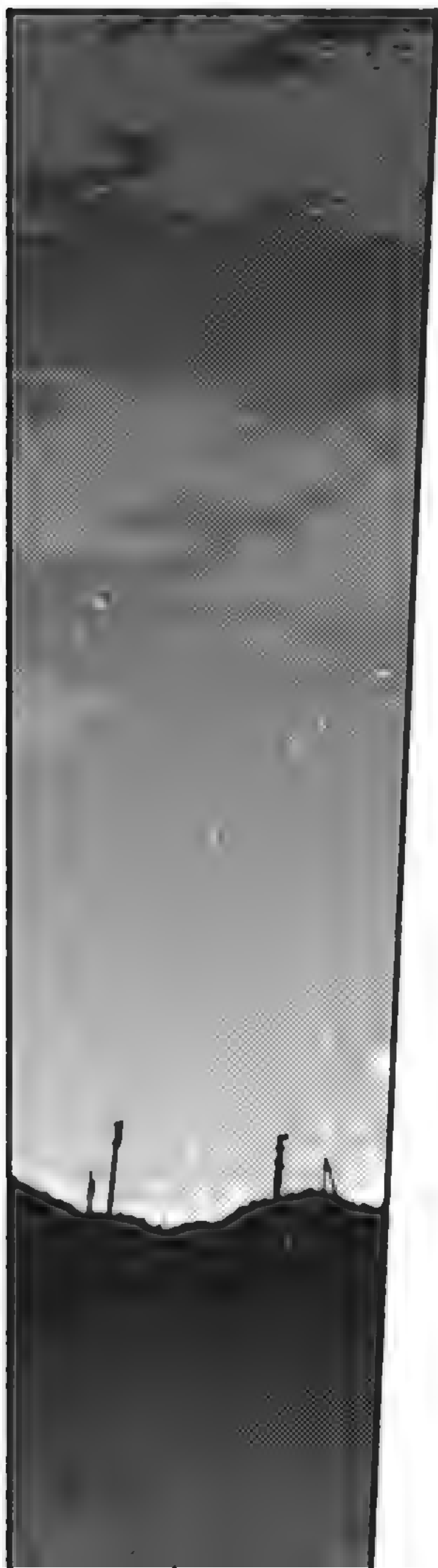
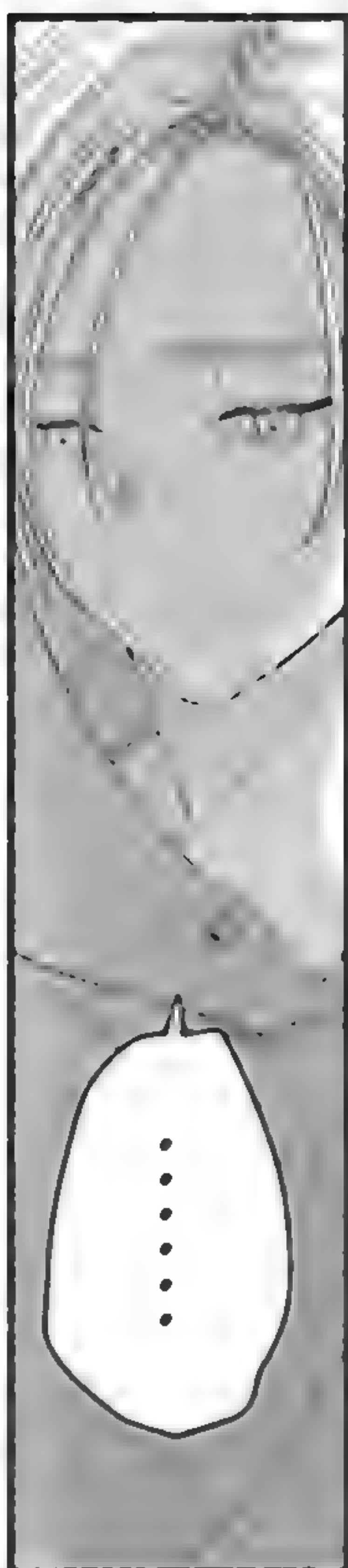
RYO-
KUN...



AND I
WON'T LET
ANYONE TAKE
THAT AWAY
FROM ME!

NOT EVEN
MYSELF!

I
PROMISE!





HUH
...?



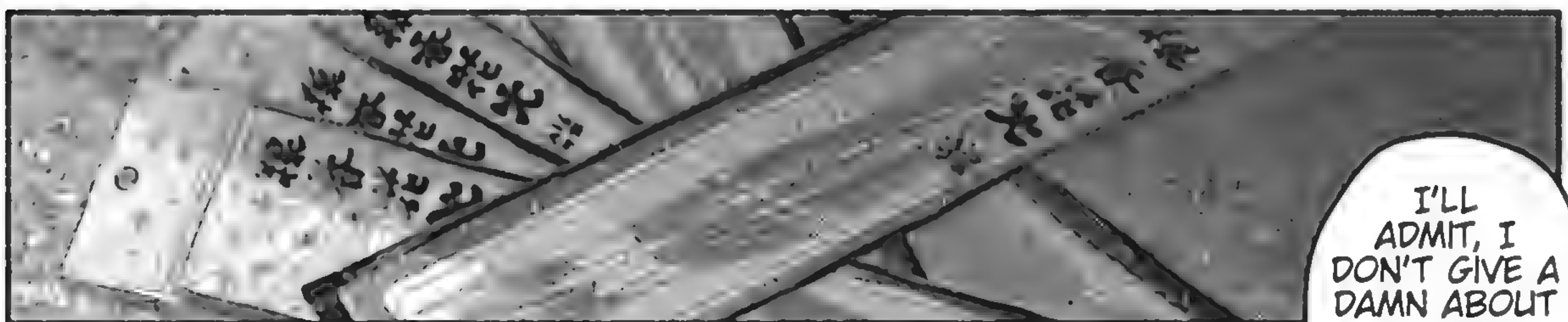
THE
HELL ARE
YOU STILL
DOIN' OUT
HERE?

IT'S
ALMOST
OCTOBER,
DUDE.



AYANE-
SAN!

CAN
YOU
HEAR
ME?!



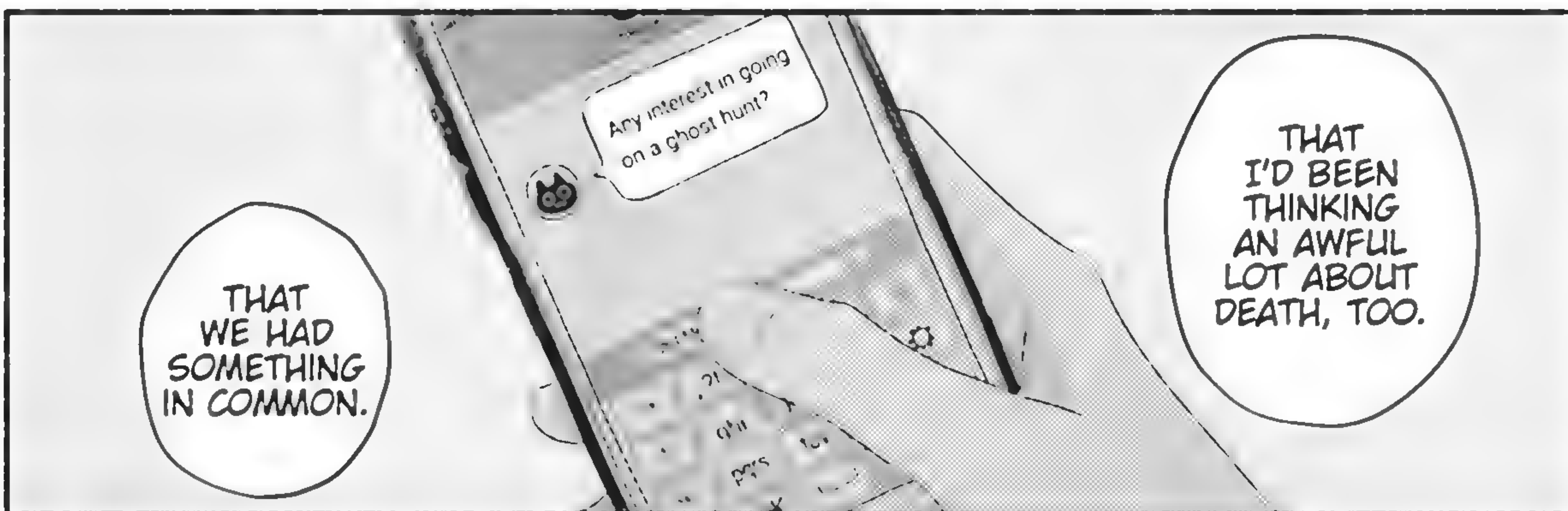


IT'S
BECAUSE
YOU
REALIZED...



WHY'D YOU
INVITE ME TO
COME ALONG
WITH YOU THAT
DAY, HUH?

THINK
ABOUT
IT.



THAT
WE HAD
SOMETHING
IN COMMON.

THAT
I'D BEEN
THINKING
AN AWFUL
LOT ABOUT
DEATH, TOO.



BUT
YOU ALONE
PICKED UP
ON THAT.

DESPITE THE
FACT THAT
WE'D NEVER
MET, OR EVEN
EXCHANGED A
SINGLE WORD
BEFORE.

UP UNTIL
THEN, I DIDN'T
THINK ANYONE
REALLY
UNDERSTOOD
WHAT I
WAS GOING
THROUGH.



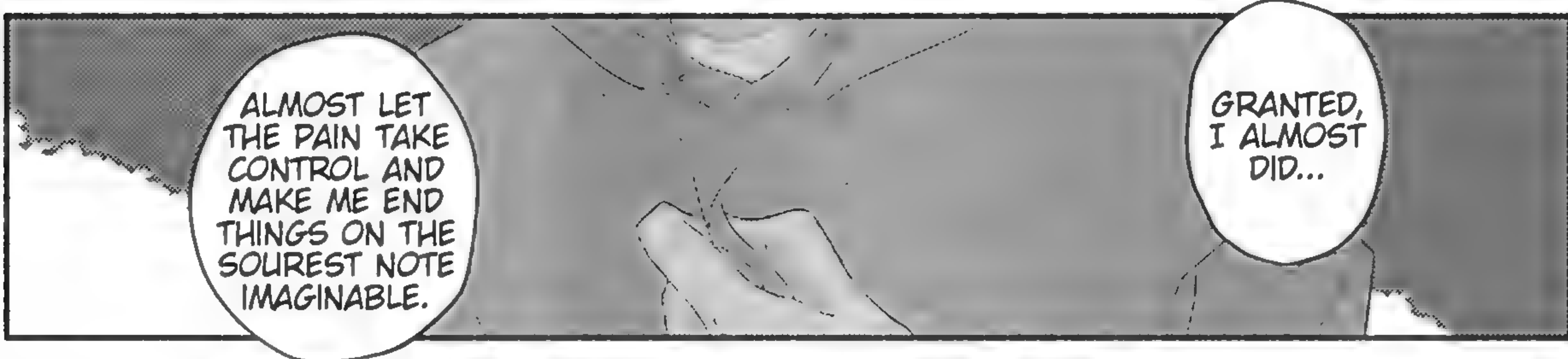
BUT I'M NOT SO FAR GONE THAT I'D TURN A BLIND EYE TO SOMEONE WHO DID ME A SOLID LIKE THAT.

I MAY BE A BAD FRIEND...



YOU REACHED OUT TO ME AND AOI-CHAN, ISN'T IT?

AND THAT'S WHY...



ALMOST LET THE PAIN TAKE CONTROL AND MAKE ME END THINGS ON THE SOUREST NOTE IMAGINABLE.

GRANTED, I ALMOST DID...



UH... CRIME?

WHAT?!

IT TOOK FOREVER TO GET MY HANDS ON THESE!

WHOA! WHAT THE HELL?!

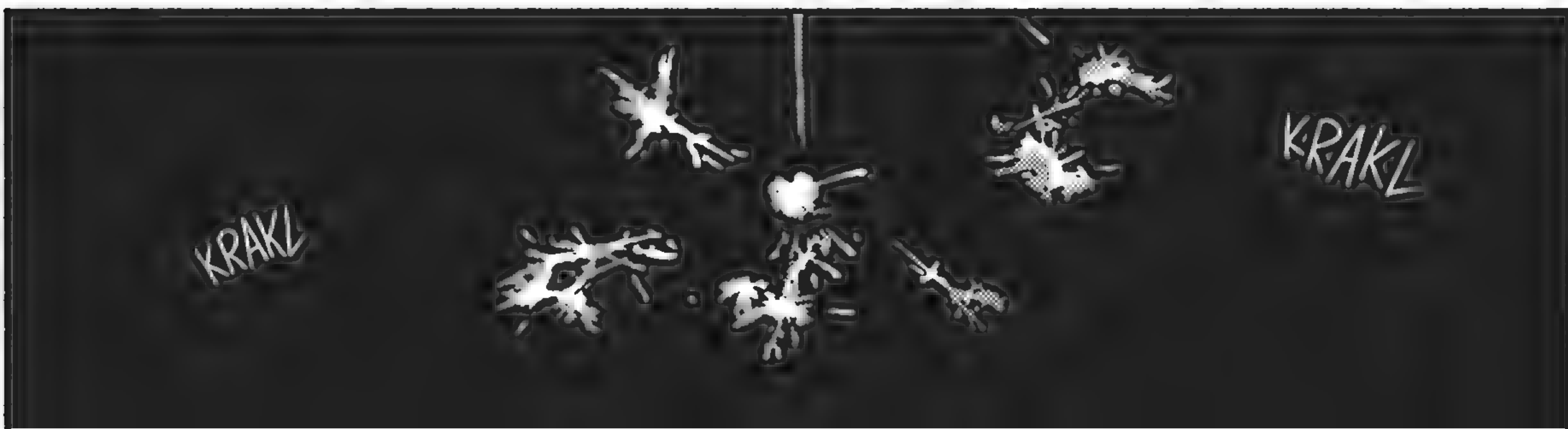
HOW'D YOU GET ALL THOSE ?!



S...
SORRY I'M LATE!



BUT HEY, I'M HERE NOW. AND YOU CAN THANK AOI-CHAN FOR THAT.

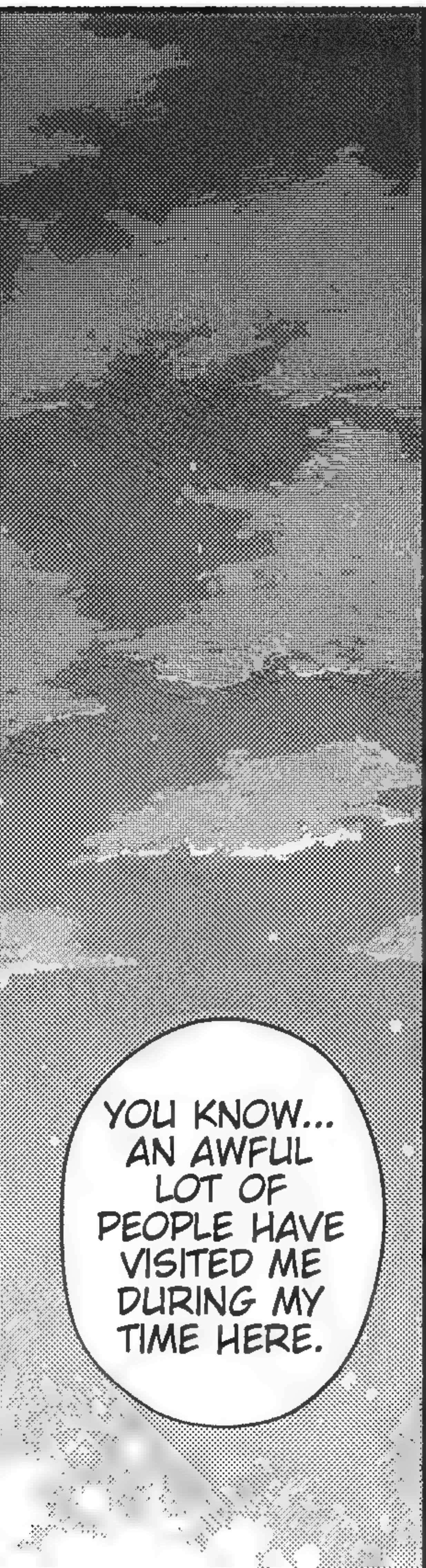


KRAKL

KRAKL



LONG
TIME NO
SEE.



YOU KNOW...
AN AWFUL
LOT OF
PEOPLE HAVE
VISITED ME
DURING MY
TIME HERE.



WILL BE
ABLE TO
SEE WHAT
WE COULD
NOT.



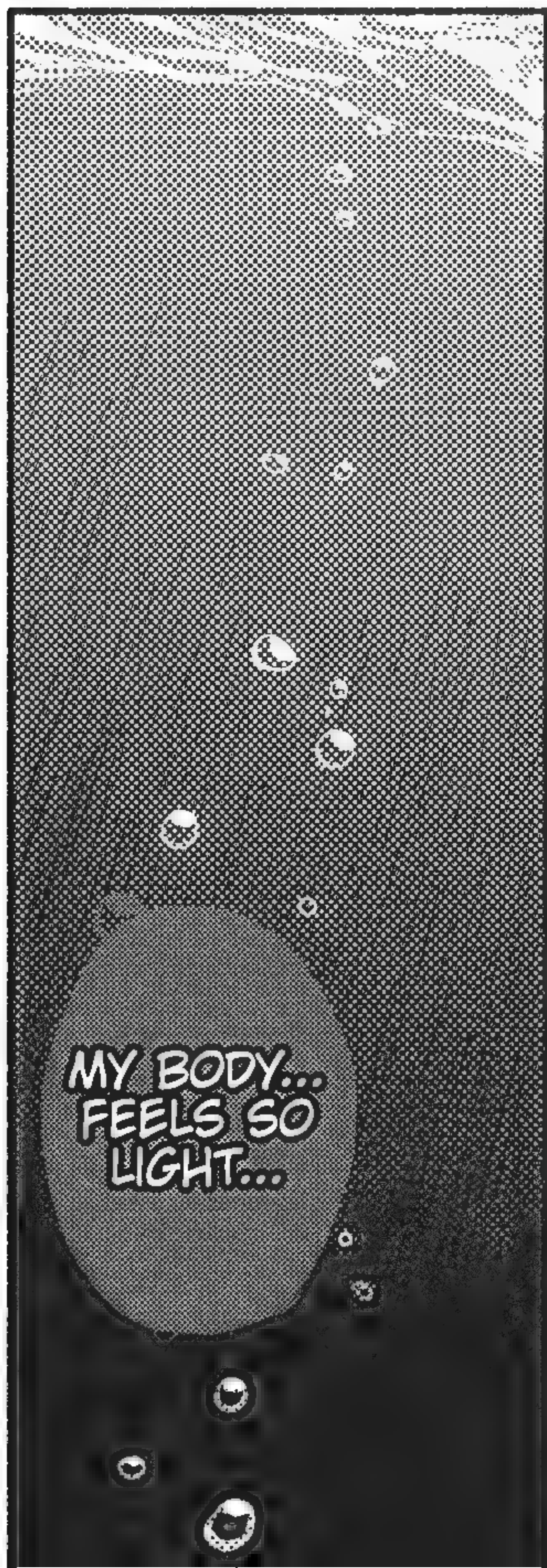
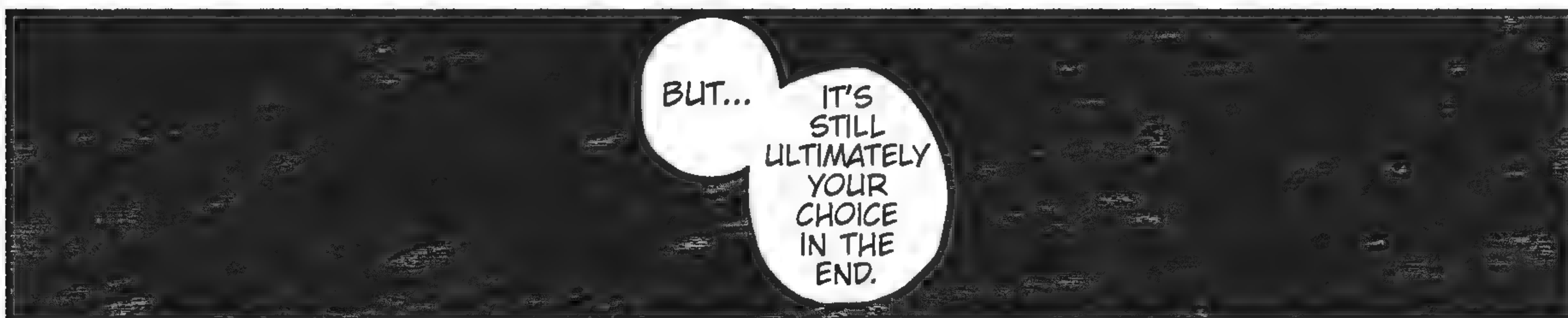
THANK
YOU
BOTH.

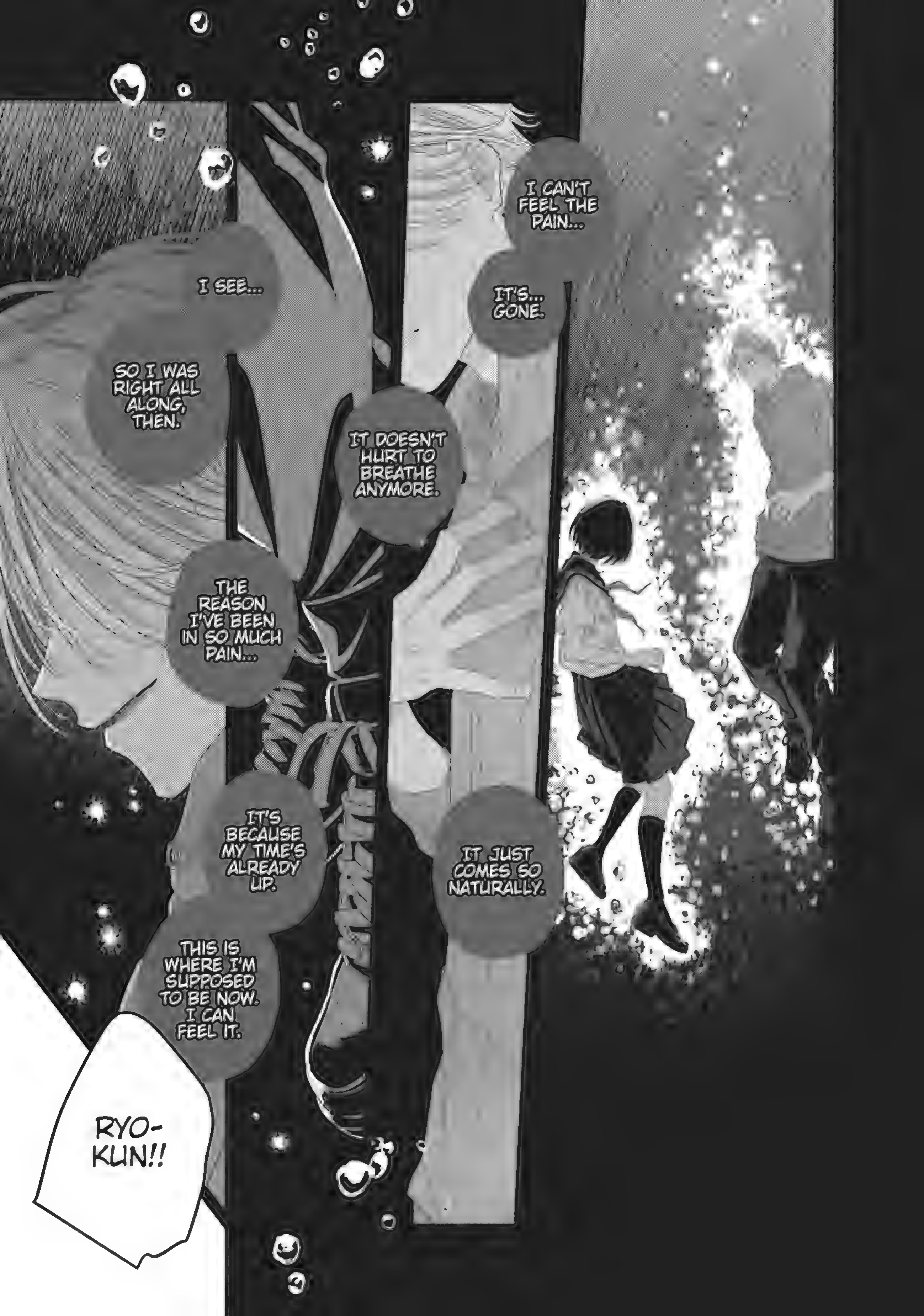
C'MON,
LET'S GET
GOIN'. WE'LL
FIND THAT
BODY OF
YOURS IN
NO TIME.

BUT
YOU LEAVE
TOMOYA THE
HELL ALONE
AFTER THIS,
GOT IT?



PERHAPS
THE TWO
OF YOU...





I CAN'T
FEEL THE
PAIN...

IT'S...
GONE.

IT DOESN'T
HURT TO
BREATHE
ANYMORE.

SO I WAS
RIGHT ALL
ALONG,
THEN.

THE
REASON
I'VE BEEN
IN SO MUCH
PAIN...

IT'S
BECAUSE
MY TIME'S
ALREADY
UP.

THIS IS
WHERE I'M
SUPPOSED
TO BE NOW.
I CAN
FEEL IT.

IT JUST
COMES SO
NATURALLY.

RYO-
KUN!!



BUT
DON'T BE
FOOLED.



AND I'M
RIGHT
THERE
WITH
YOU.

I KNOW
EXACTLY
WHAT
YOU'RE
THINKING.

I KNOW
IT'S
HARD.



STAY
WITH
ME...



THIS ISN'T
WHERE YOU
BELONG,
RYO-KUN.
NOT YET.



AYANE-
SAN...
WHERE
ARE YOU?

YEAH...
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

SO
THAT YOU,
TOMOYA-KUN,
AND I CAN
ALL MAKE IT
SAFELY BACK
HOME.

LET'S
HURRY UP
AND FIND
AYANE-
SAN'S
CORPSE.



THERE.

SOMETHING
FEELS OFF
ABOUT THAT
THING.



TOMOYA-
KUN!

WE
FOUND
IT!

THAT'S
GOTTA
BE IT.

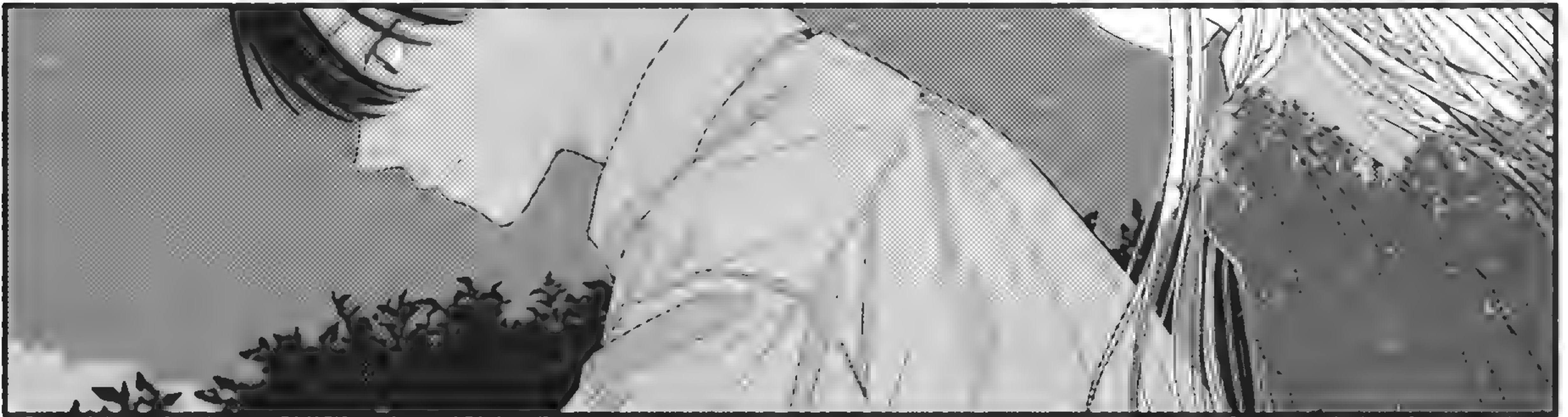
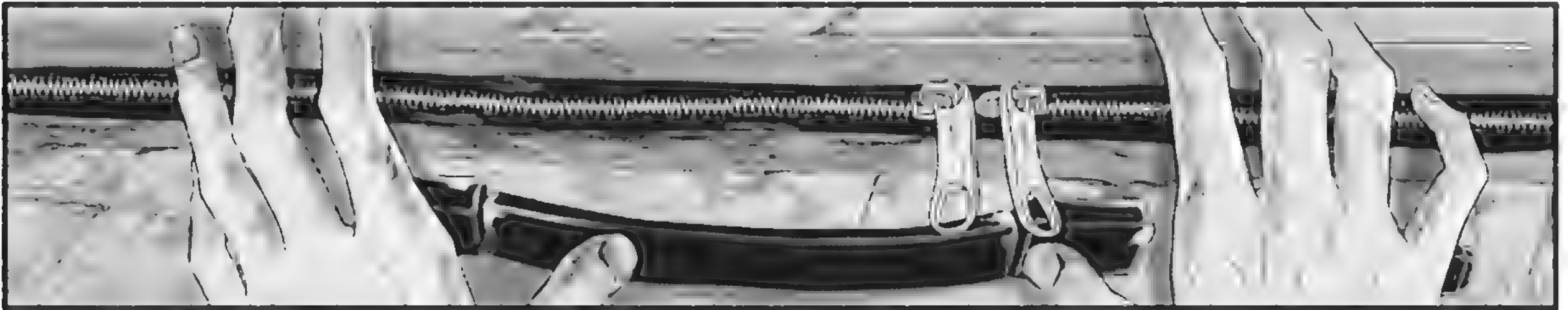


AYANE-
SAN!

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WHICH
MEANS
ONCE IT'S
FOUND...

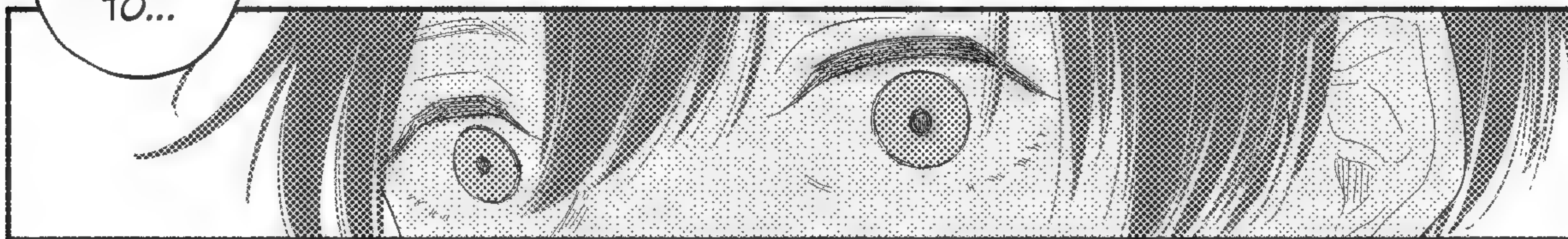
SHE'LL...
SHE'LL
FINALLY
BE ABLE
TO...



AYANE-SAN
HASN'T
MOVED ON
BECAUSE
HER BODY
IS MISSING.



TOMOYA-
KUN?



MAKE
A WISH,
AND YOUR
MIND WILL
TAKE YOU TO
WHERE YOU
WANT TO
GO.





THAT IS
WHY YOU'VE
COME HERE.



TOMOYA-
KUN?!
WHAT'S
WRONG?!

TOMOYA?!



YOU
GOT COLD
FEET JUST
NOW.

RIGHT AS
YOU WERE
ABOUT TO
END THIS,
YOUR HEART
CRIED OUT
NO.

WELL...I
SUPPOSE
IT WOULD
BE MORE
ACCURATE
TO SAY YOU
FALTERED.

YOU
REALLY
DON'T
KNOW?

WHAT,
BECAUSE
I...MADE A
WISH? FOR
WHAT?



WHAT...?

NO, I...
I'M NOT
AFRAID
OF...

YOU'VE
LEFT YOUR
CORPOREAL
FORM
BEHIND SO
MANY TIMES
NOW...

AND GIVEN
SO MANY
FIREWORKS
THEIR
FLAME.

AGAIN...

AND
AGAIN...

OVER...

AND
OVER.

YOU ARE.
YOU'VE JUST
BEEN TRYING
NOT TO THINK
ABOUT IT.

BUT WHAT
IS IT YOU
TRULY WISH
FOR, DEEP
DOWN?

WHEN FACED
WITH THE
THOUGHT OF
LOSING SATO
AYANE.



OF
SWEET
DEATH'S
BITTER
END.

OF BEING
MADE TO
LIVE ONCE
MORE.

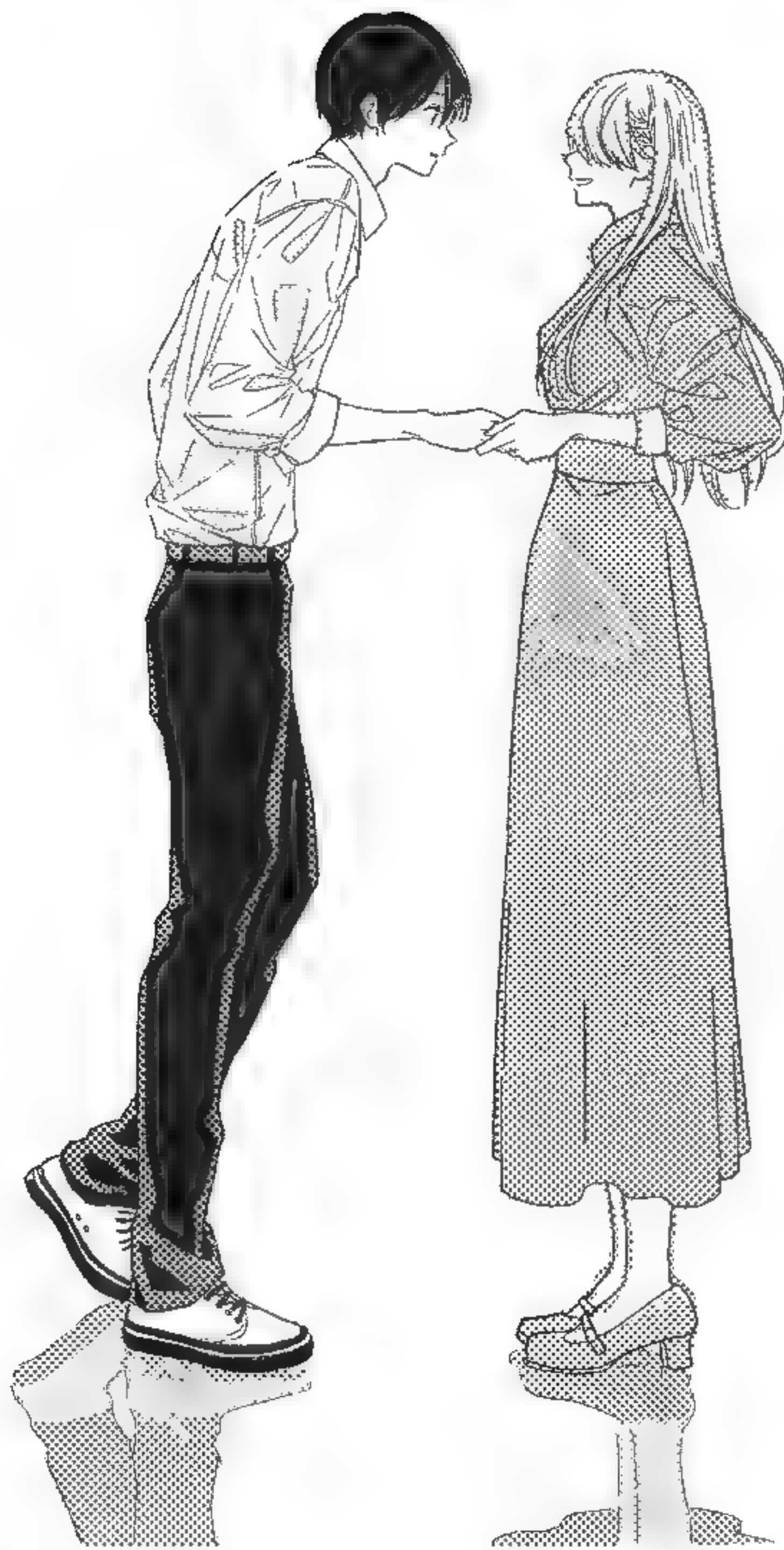


ONCE YOU
LIGHT THIS
FINAL FLAME,
YOUR SOUL
WILL BE
SEVERED
FROM YOUR
BODY.

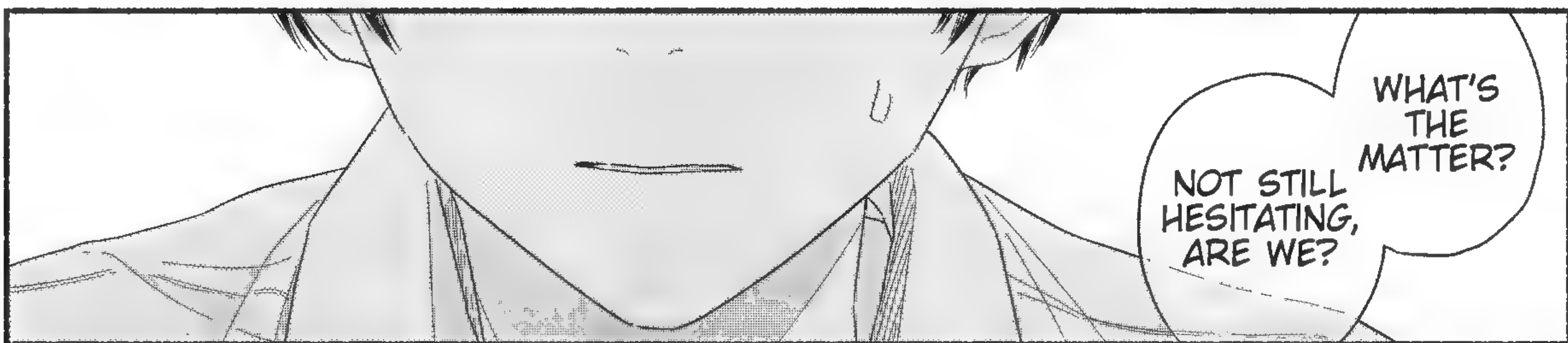


ONE
LAST
SPARK.

IT
JUST
NEEDS
...



YOUR
SOUL HAS
ALREADY
ALL BUT
CROSSED
OVER.



WHAT'S
THE
MATTER?

NOT STILL
HESITATING,
ARE WE?



WHY
YOU'VE
BEEN
LIGHTING
THESE
FLAMES
FOR ME
EACH
NIGHT.

NOW
RECALL
FOR ME,
IF YOU
WILL...

YOU'VE
KNOWN
DEATH.

OR THAT
GIRL, WHO
MEANS TO
TAKE HER
OWN LIFE.

LIKE THAT
BOY, WHO
WILL SOON
FALL TO
ILLNESS.

I ONLY
APPEAR TO
THOSE WHO
WISH TO
KNOW THE
FACE OF
DEATH.



AND
YOU'VE
KNOWN
JUST HOW
WARM AND
COMFORTING
ITS
EMBRACE
CAN BE.



TOMOYA!

WHAT'S
GOIN' ON,
MAN?!

WAKE THE
HELL UP!



AH...



RYO-
KUN...

HEY...

LOOK
AT THE
SKY.



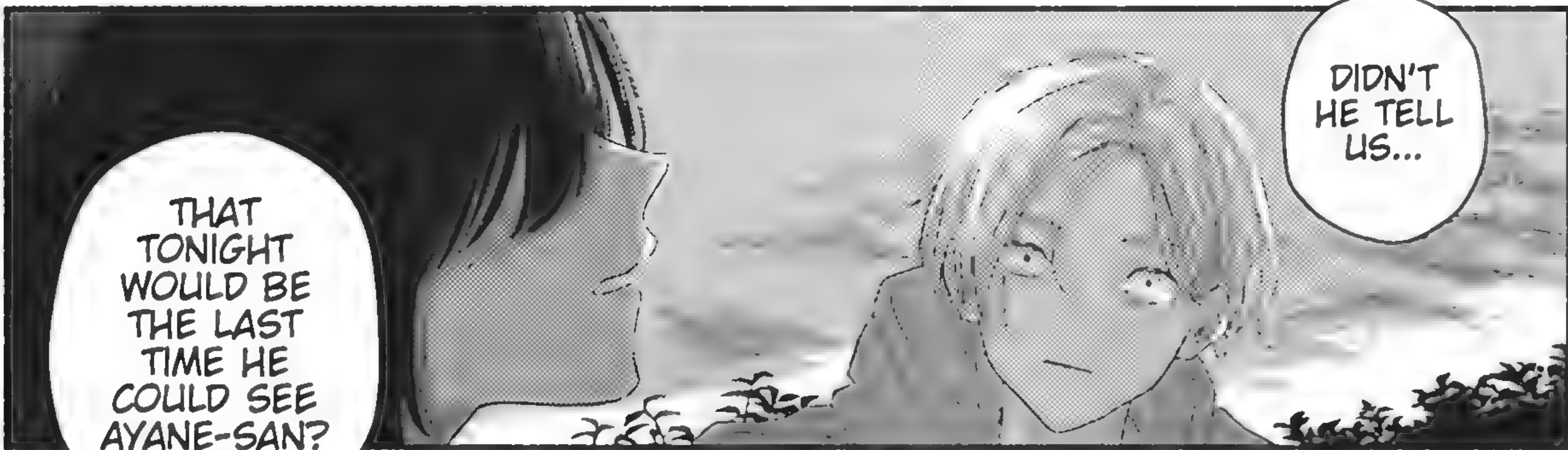
RYO-
KUN...

DO YOU
THINK...

THIS
MIGHT
MEAN...

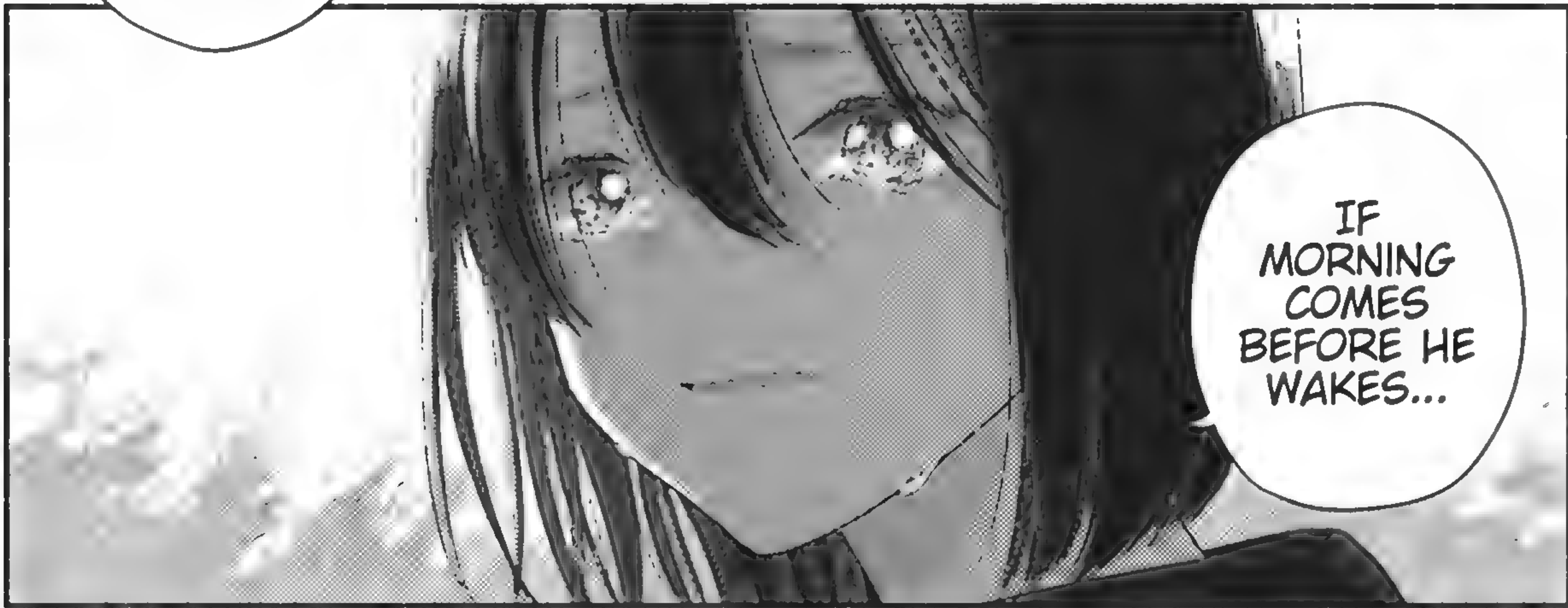


THE
NIGHT IS
ENDING...



THAT
TONIGHT
WOULD BE
THE LAST
TIME HE
COULD SEE
AYANE-SAN?

DIDN'T
HE TELL
US...



IF
MORNING
COMES
BEFORE HE
WAKES...



WHAT'S
GOING TO
HAPPEN TO
HIM...?



YOU RUN
OFF AND
PULL
STUNTS
LIKE THIS

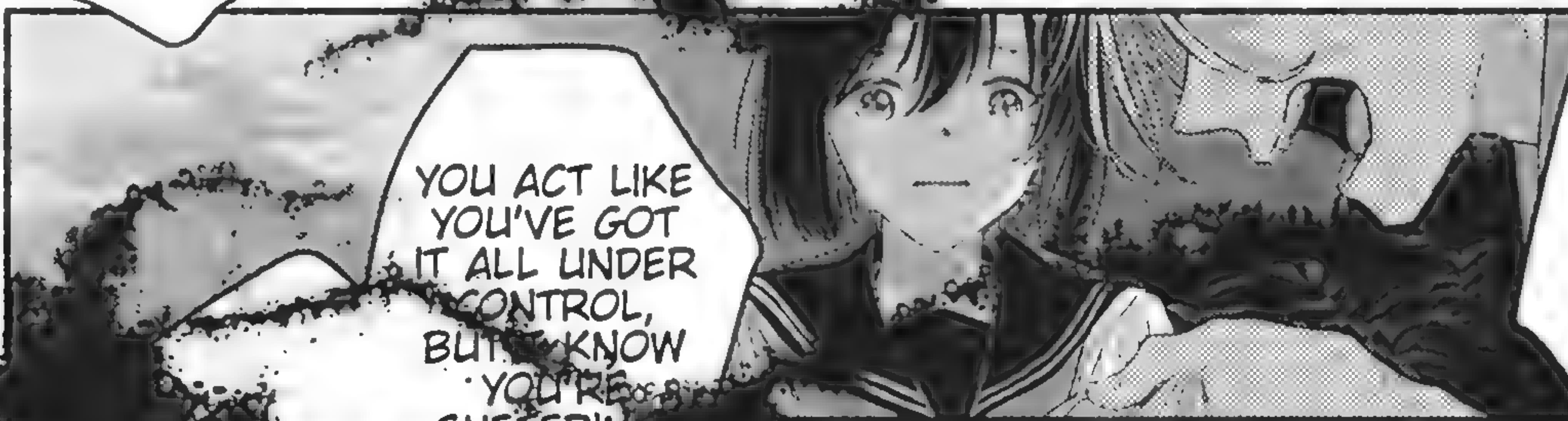
AND
NEVER
SAY A
DAMN
WORD!

SEE, THIS
IS EXACTLY
WHAT I HATE
ABOUT YOU!



HEY...

DUDE,
SNAP
OUT OF
IT!



YOU ACT LIKE
YOU'VE GOT
IT ALL UNDER
CONTROL,
BUT I KNOW
YOU'RE
SUFFERIN'

YOU STILL
HAVEN'T
EVEN TOLD
US WHAT
YOU'RE
GOING
THROUGH,
MAN!



I KNOW
DEEP DOWN,
YOU'RE JUST
A STUBBORN,
MISERABLE
WEAKLING
LIKE US!

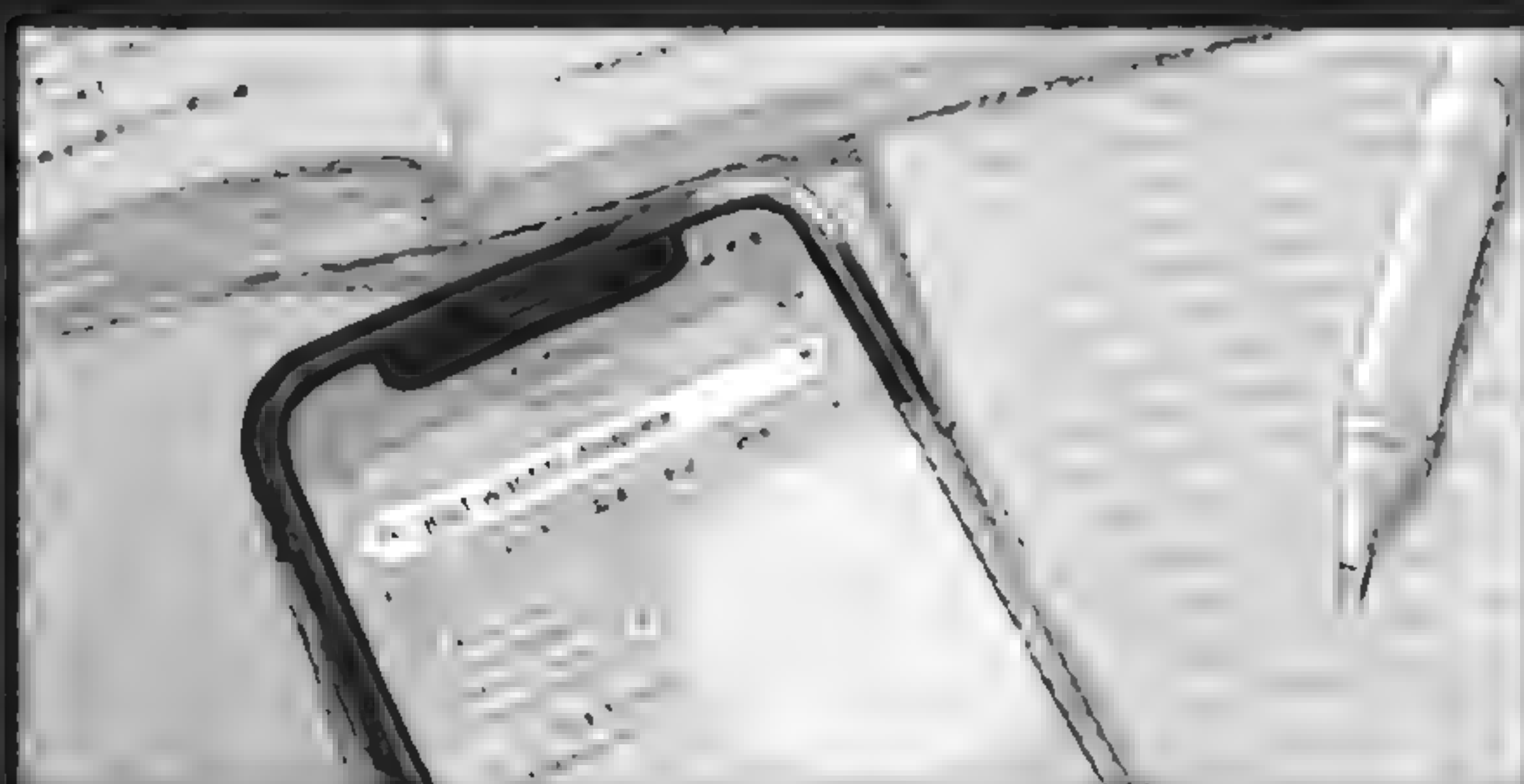
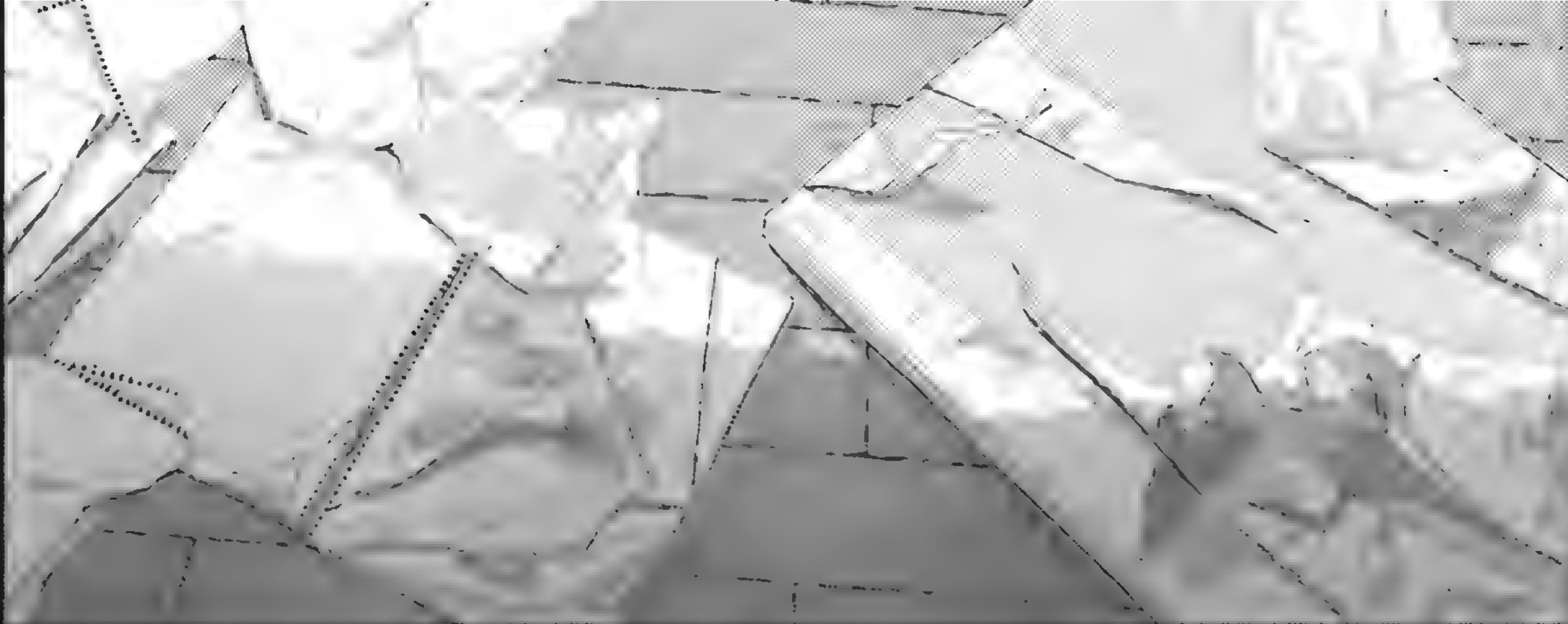
I PROMISE
WE'LL DO
WHATEVER
WE CAN TO
HELP OUT.

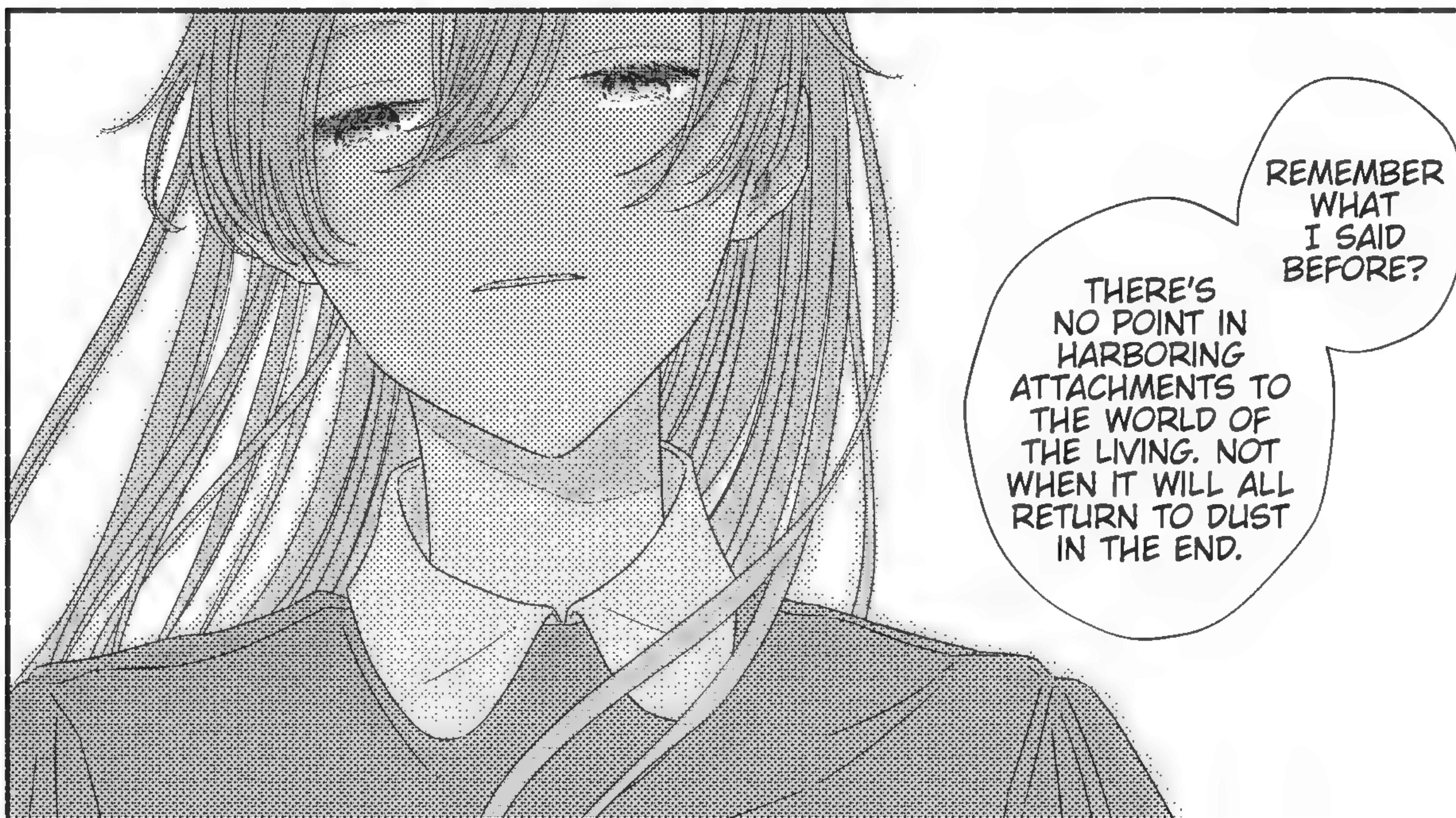
FOK

SO
C'MON,
MAN...JUST
WAKE UP
AND TALK
TO US
ALREADY.



TELL
US
WHY...







IF I HAD
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT, I
MIGHT JUST
BE ABLE
TO MAKE IT
THROUGH
THIS LIFE
AFTER
ALL.

SOMETHING
TO TAKE
SOLACE IN--NO
MATTER HOW
TRIVIAL IT
MIGHT SEEM
TO ANYONE
ELSE...

I MIGHT
JUST BE
ABLE TO FIND
SOMETHING
WORTH
HOLDING
ON TO.

IF I'M
LUCKY...

BUT I
THINK
MAYBE...



YEAH,
YOU
MIGHT BE
RIGHT.



BUT I'M
WILLING TO
TAKE THAT
GAMBLE, AND
GIVE THIS
ONE MORE
SHOT.

AND THAT
THERE'LL
STILL BE
PLENTY OF
PAIN AND
SUFFERING
DOWN THE
ROAD...

I KNOW IT
MIGHT BE
HARD TO
FIND...

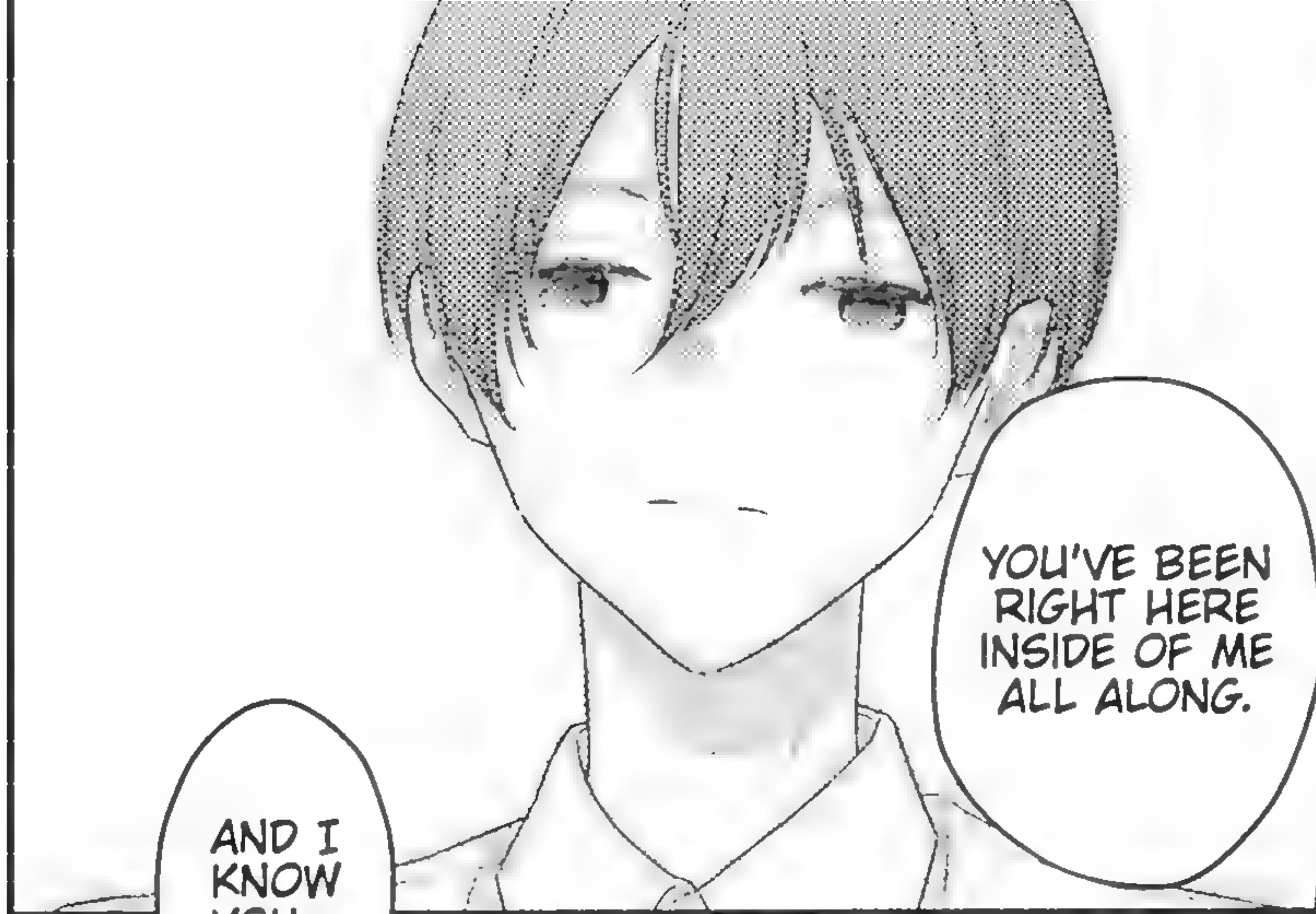


YOU'RE THE
PART OF ME
THAT'S BEEN
SEARCHING
FOR AN
EXCUSE
TO DIE.

YOU'RE NOT
AYANE-SAN.



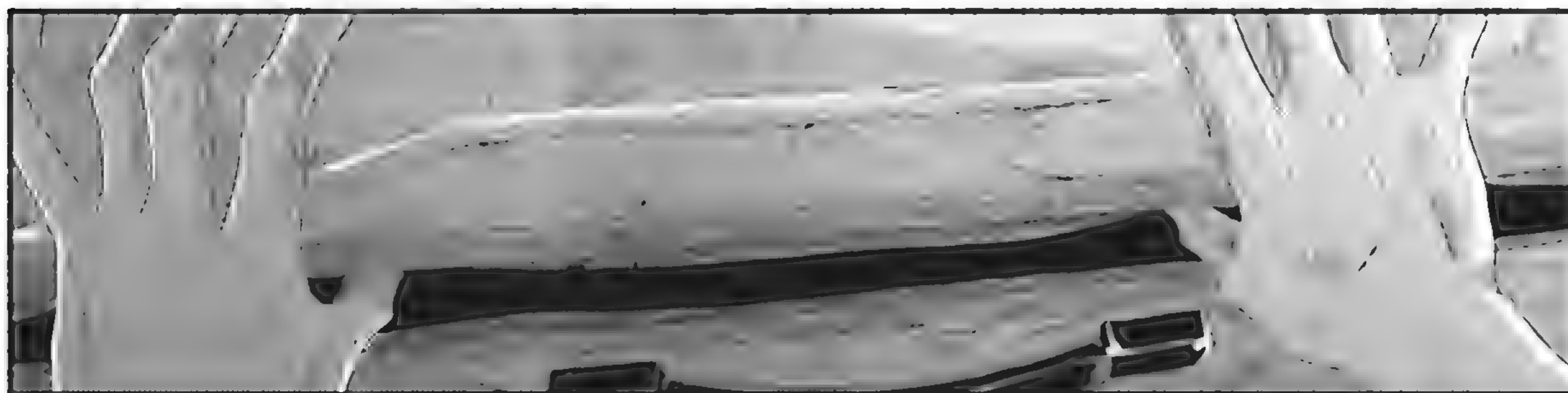
...



AND I
KNOW
YOU...







CREAK...



DON'T
STARE,
NOW.

HEY,
COME
ON...



DIDN'T YOU KNOW?

I'M DEAD.

YES, THAT'S RIGHT.

WHY THE LONG FACE?

WHAT'S THE MATTER?



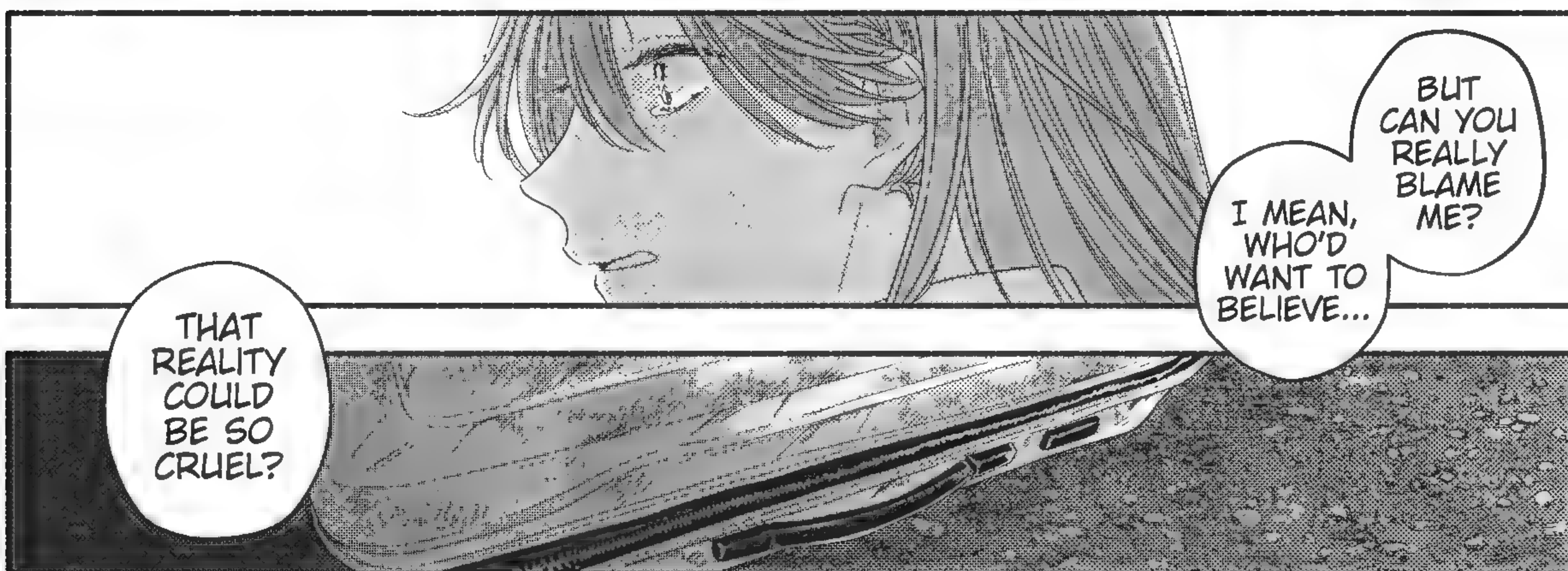
THAT THE REAL ME WAS STILL ALIVE OUT THERE SOMEWHERE.

TRIED TO CONVINCE MYSELF THIS WAS ALL JUST A BAD DREAM.

I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT EITHER.

WELL...

THOUGH TO BE HONEST...



THAT REALITY COULD BE SO CRUEL?

I MEAN, WHO'D WANT TO BELIEVE...

BUT CAN YOU REALLY BLAME ME?

THE LIFE I KNEW...THE GIRL I USED TO BE... SHE DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE.

BUT IT'S THE TRUTH.



MY MOTHER CAN FINALLY START TO MOVE ON, IF ONLY A LITTLE BIT...

I JUST HOPE THAT NOW...

IT WAS WRONG FOR ME TO GET YOU WRAPPED UP IN THIS, WHEN I KNEW YOU'D ONLY GET EMOTIONALLY ATTACHED.

I'M SORRY, TOMOYA-KUN...

SHE'S BEEN RIGHT HERE ALL ALONG.

POOR THING.



BUT THE TRUTH IS, I HAD NO IDEA WHAT YOU WERE GOING THROUGH.

IT WAS HARD TO SWALLOW, AS SOMEONE WHO'D LITERALLY BEEN MURDERED.

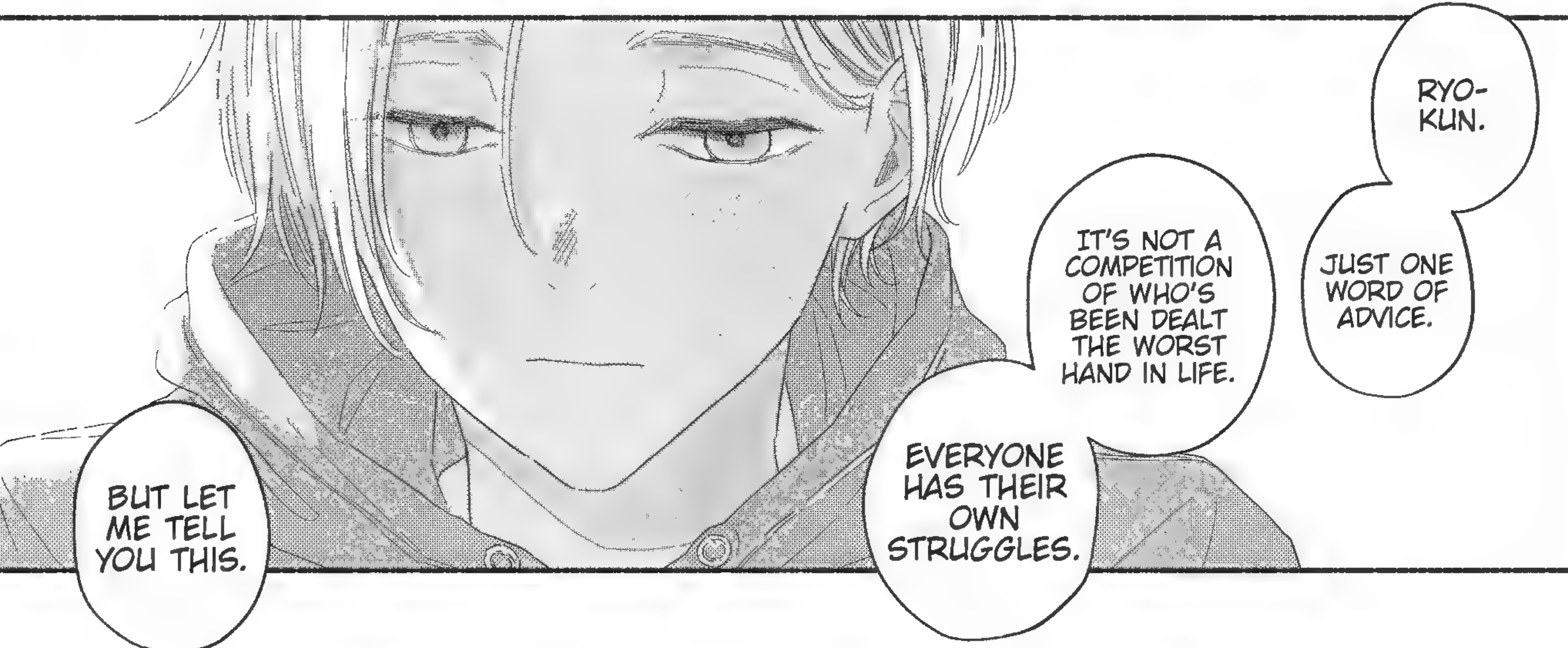
WHEN YOU ACTED LIKE YOUR LIFE WAS OVER...

AND I'M SORRY.

AND YOU, AOI-CHAN.

I SAID SOME AWFULLY CRUEL THINGS, DIDN'T I?

I APOLOGIZE. I LET MY ANGER GET THE BETTER OF ME.



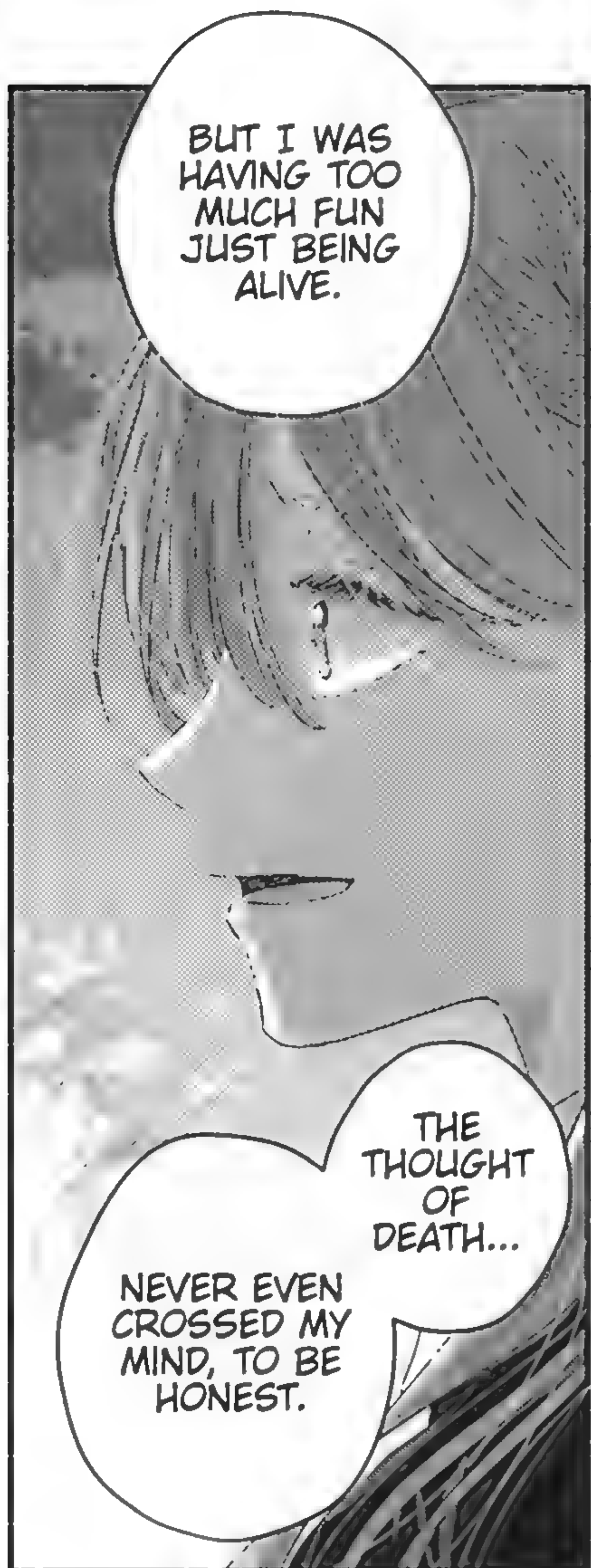
BUT LET ME TELL YOU THIS.

EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN STRUGGLES.

IT'S NOT A COMPETITION OF WHO'S BEEN DEALT THE WORST HAND IN LIFE.

JUST ONE WORD OF ADVICE.

RYO-KUN.



BUT I WAS
HAVING TOO
MUCH FUN
JUST BEING
ALIVE.

THE
THOUGHT
OF
DEATH...

NEVER EVEN
CROSSED MY
MIND, TO BE
HONEST.



SO MANY
WORDS
LEFT
UNSAID.

SO MUCH
I WISH I
COULD HAVE
TOLD THEM.

I THINK
ABOUT IT
ALL THE
TIME.



THAT
I WAS
GOING TO
DIE SOMEDAY
IN THE
VERY NEAR
FUTURE...

IF
I HAD
KNOWN,
BACK
THEN...

I WOULD
HAVE
TRIED
SO MUCH
HARDER.

TO BE
KIND TO MY
MOTHER.
TO MY
FRIENDS.



I NEVER
KNEW
SADNESS.
NOT REALLY.
NOT LIKE
YOU.

I HAD A
LOVING
MOTHER,
AND SO MANY
FRIENDS
I COULD
COUNT ON.



JUST
HOW GOOD
I TRULY
HAD IT.

SO LUCKY
THAT I
DIDN'T EVEN
REALIZE...

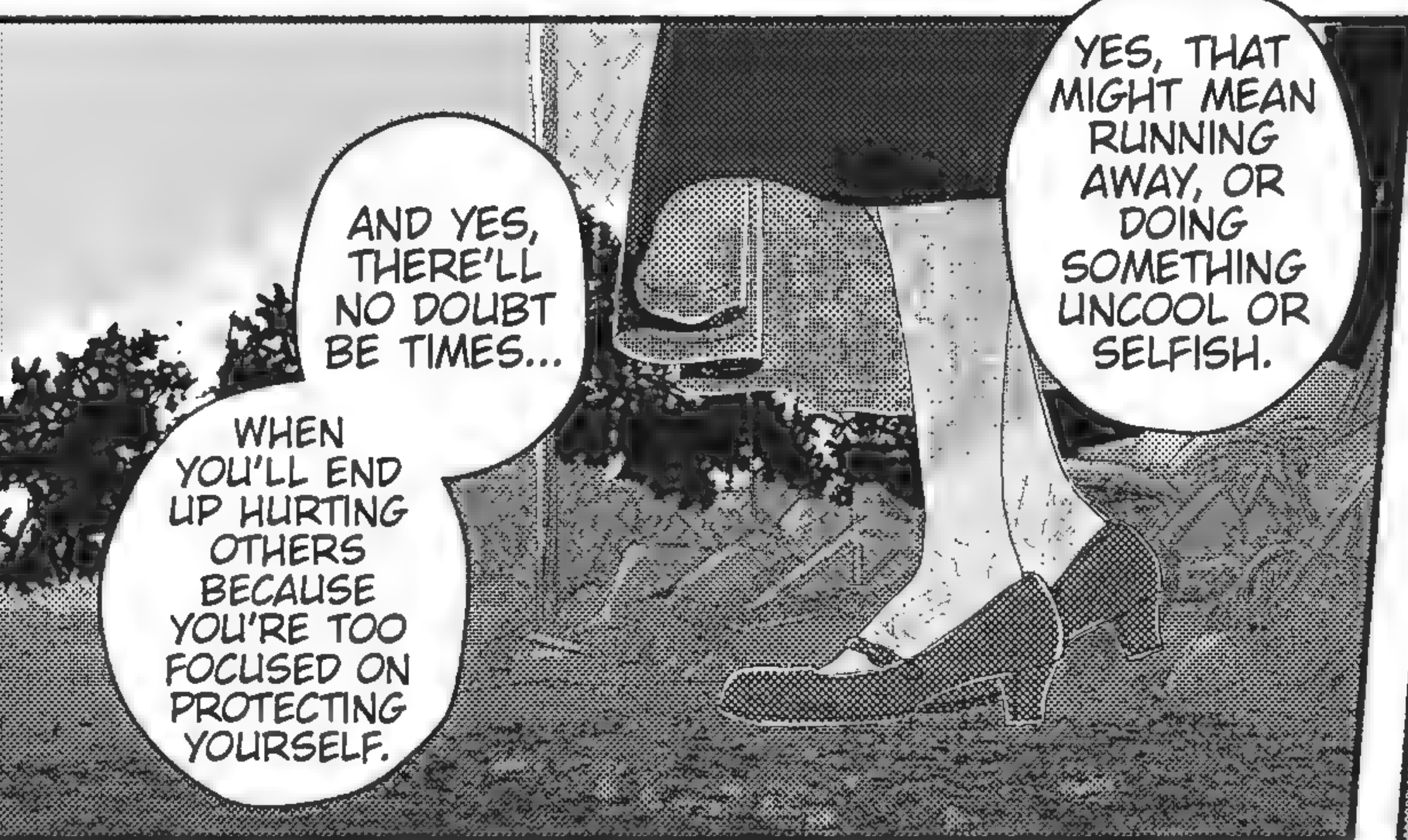
I WAS
ONE OF
THE LUCKY
ONES.



YOU STILL
HAVE THE
POWER TO
CHANGE
THINGS.
USE IT.

BUT
DON'T
FORGET
THAT YOU'RE
ALL STILL
VERY MUCH
ALIVE.

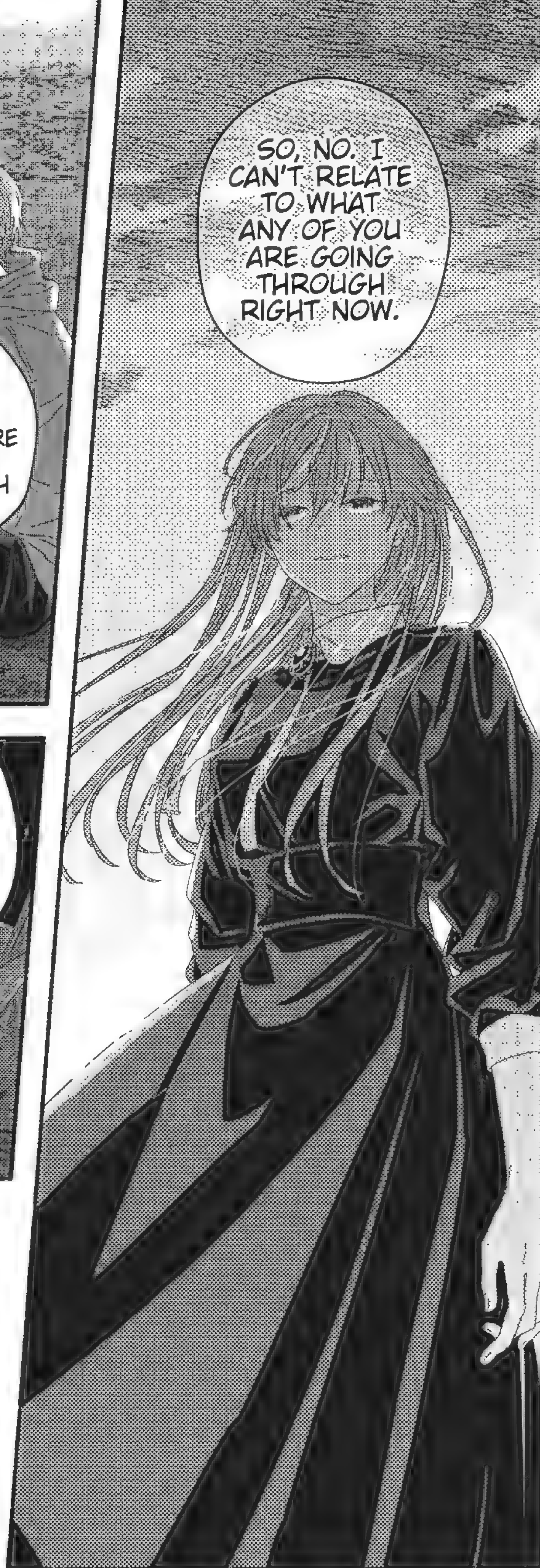
AND
THAT'S
SOMETHING
I CAN NEVER
BE AGAIN.



AND YES,
THERE'LL
NO DOUBT
BE TIMES...

WHEN
YOU'LL END
UP HURTING
OTHERS
BECAUSE
YOU'RE TOO
FOCUSED ON
PROTECTING
YOURSELF.

YES, THAT
MIGHT MEAN
RUNNING
AWAY, OR
DOING
SOMETHING
UNCOOL OR
SELFISH.



SO, NO. I
CAN'T RELATE
TO WHAT
ANY OF YOU
ARE GOING
THROUGH
RIGHT NOW.

YOU
CAN TAKE
SOLACE
IN THAT.

BUT
THAT'S
OKAY...

BECAUSE
NOTHING IN
THIS WORLD
LASTS
FOREVER.
NO FEELING,
NO PAIN.

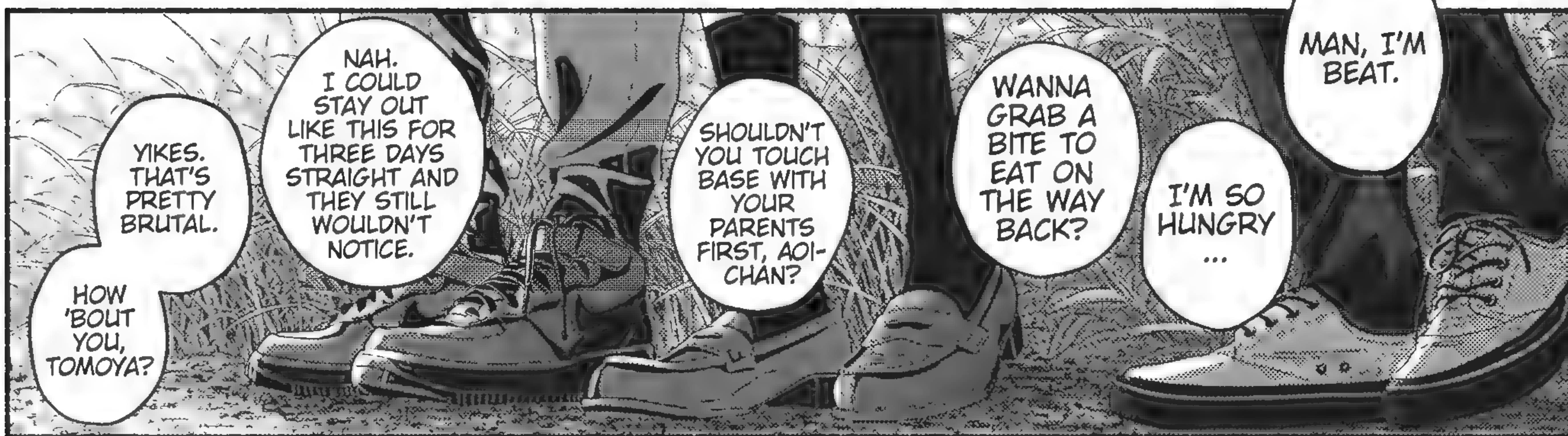
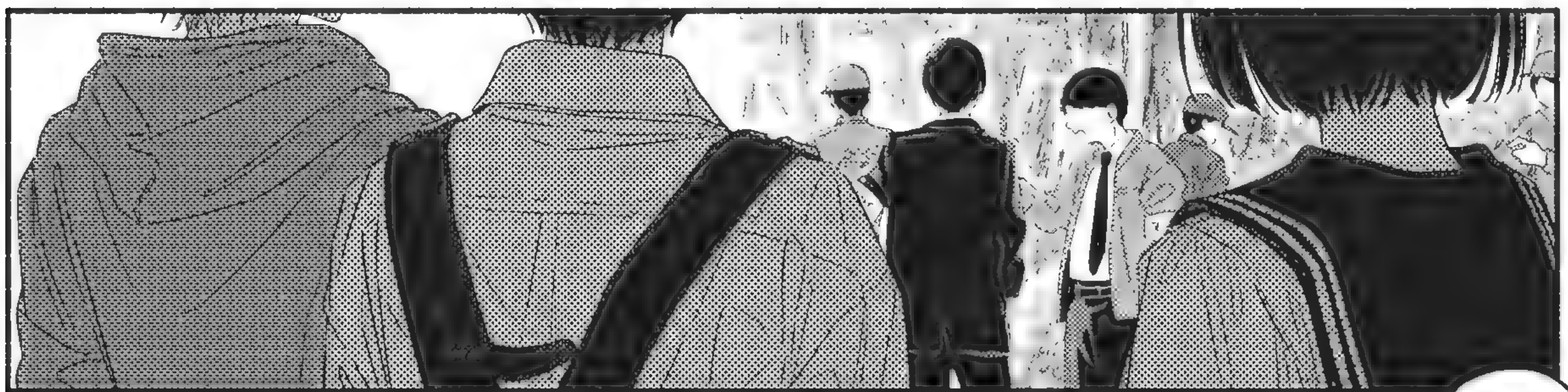


ONE DAY,
THIS ALL
WILL END
FOR YOU,
AS IT DID
FOR ME.



BUT
UNTIL
THAT DAY
COMES...

TRY TO
HANG IN
THERE
FOR ME,
OKAY?



YIKES.
THAT'S
PRETTY
BRUTAL.

HOW
'BOUT
YOU,
TOMOYA?

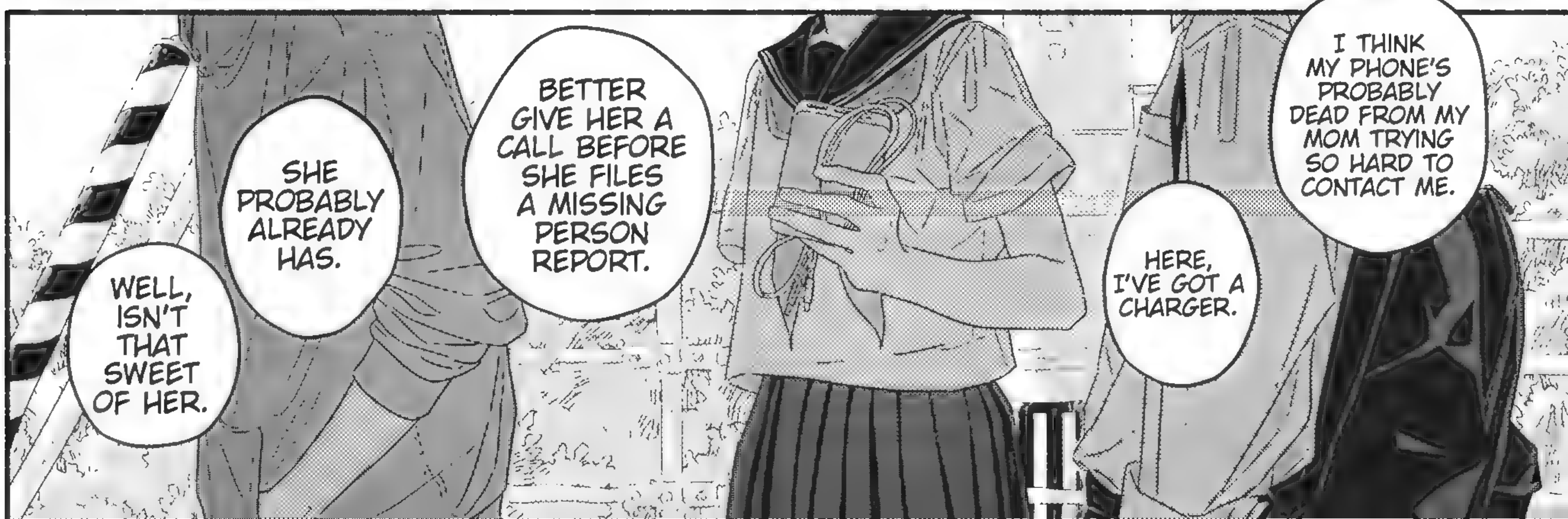
NAH.
I COULD
STAY OUT
LIKE THIS FOR
THREE DAYS
STRAIGHT AND
THEY STILL
WOULDN'T
NOTICE.

SHOULDN'T
YOU TOUCH
BASE WITH
YOUR
PARENTS
FIRST, AOI-
CHAN?

WANNA
GRAB A
BITE TO
EAT ON
THE WAY
BACK?

I'M SO
HUNGRY
...

MAN, I'M
BEAT.



WELL,
ISN'T
THAT
SWEET
OF HER.

SHE
PROBABLY
ALREADY
HAS.

BETTER
GIVE HER A
CALL BEFORE
SHE FILES
A MISSING
PERSON
REPORT.

HERE,
I'VE GOT A
CHARGER.

I THINK
MY PHONE'S
PROBABLY
DEAD FROM MY
MOM TRYING
SO HARD TO
CONTACT ME.



HEY,
GUYS...

WHADDYA
SAY WE
DO THIS
AGAIN NEXT
SUMMER?

YOU
KNOW, MEET
UP BACK
AT THE OLD
AIRFIELD...



AND LIGHT
SOME
FIREWORKS
FOR OLD
TIMES'
SAKE?



NOT AFTER
WE JUST
HELPED YOU
FIND THAT
BODY AND
SAVED YOUR
ASS.

DON'T
TELL ME
YOU CAN'T
MAKE TIME
FOR A LITTLE
REUNION.

HOW
'BOUT IT,
TOMOYA?



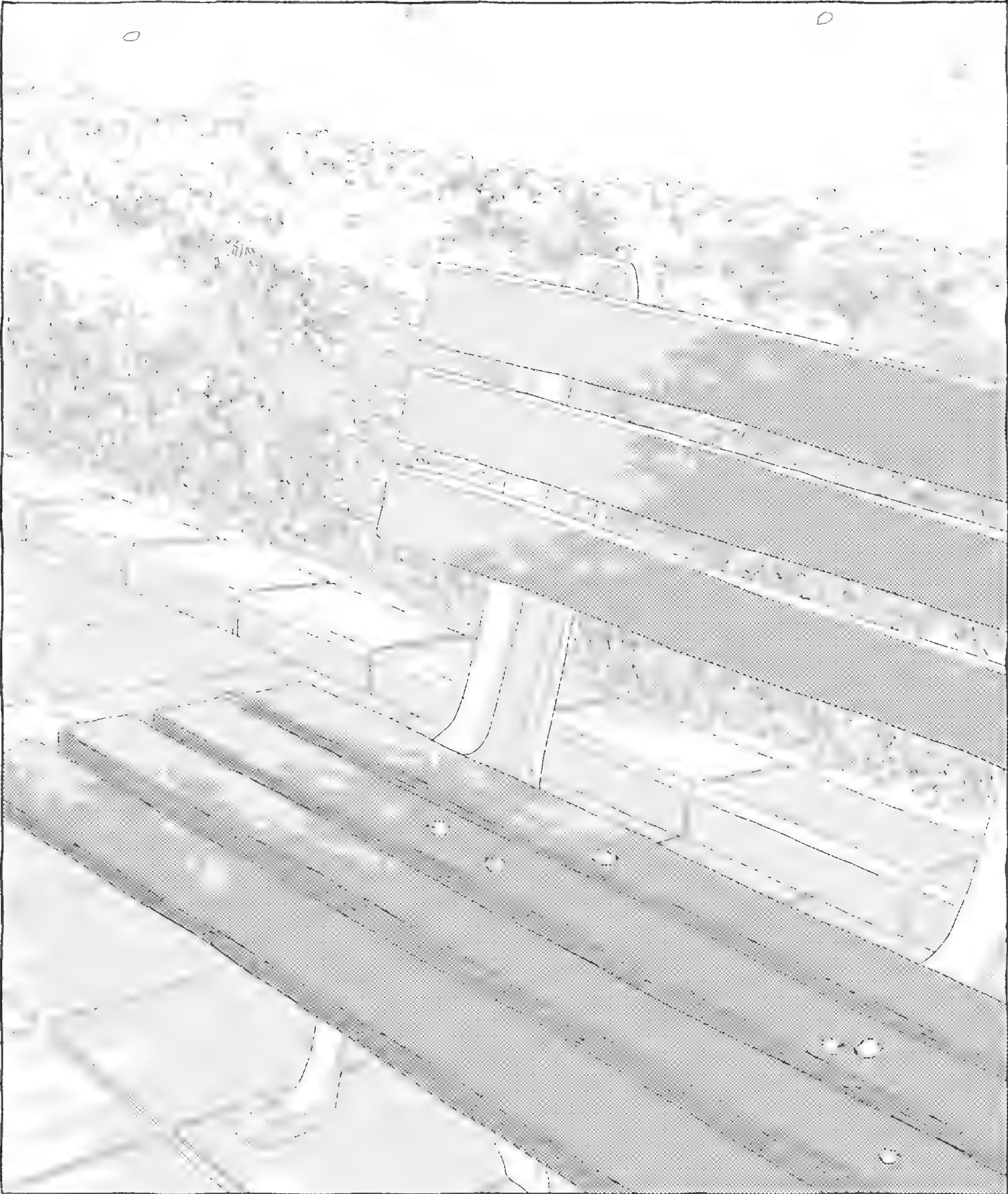
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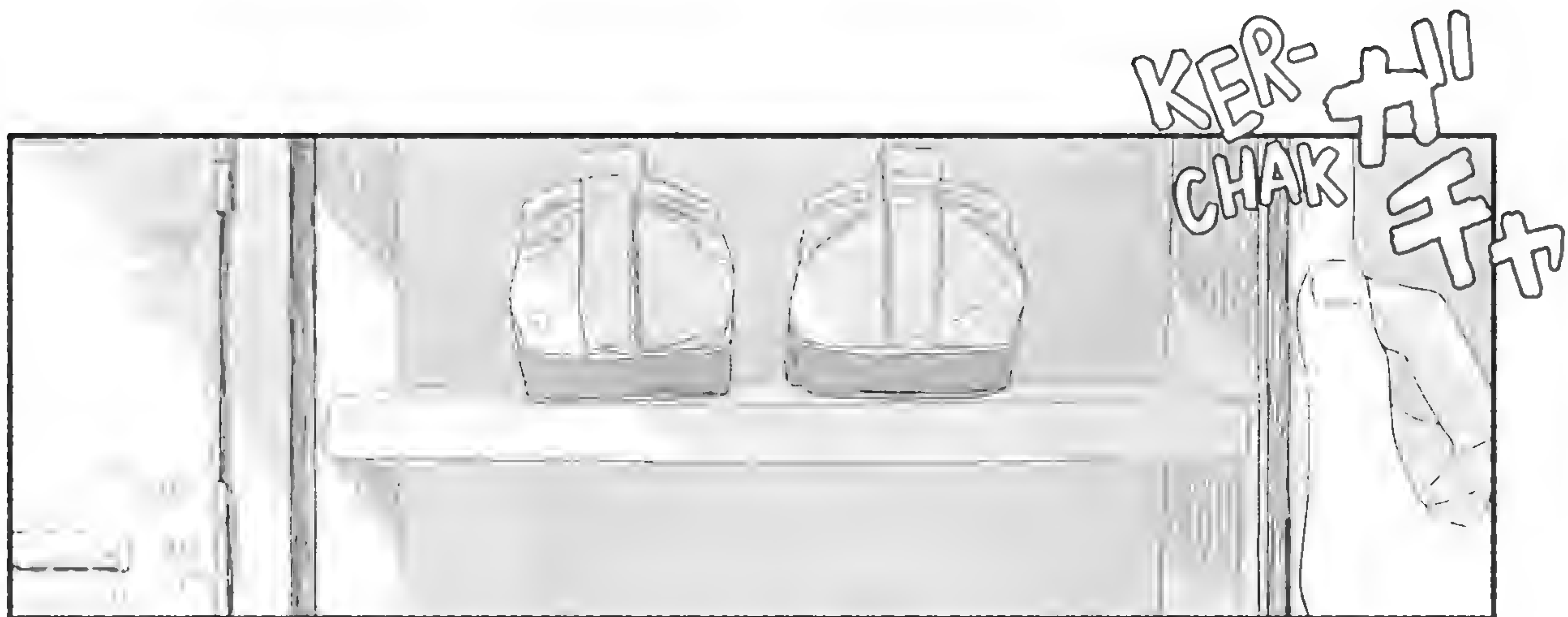


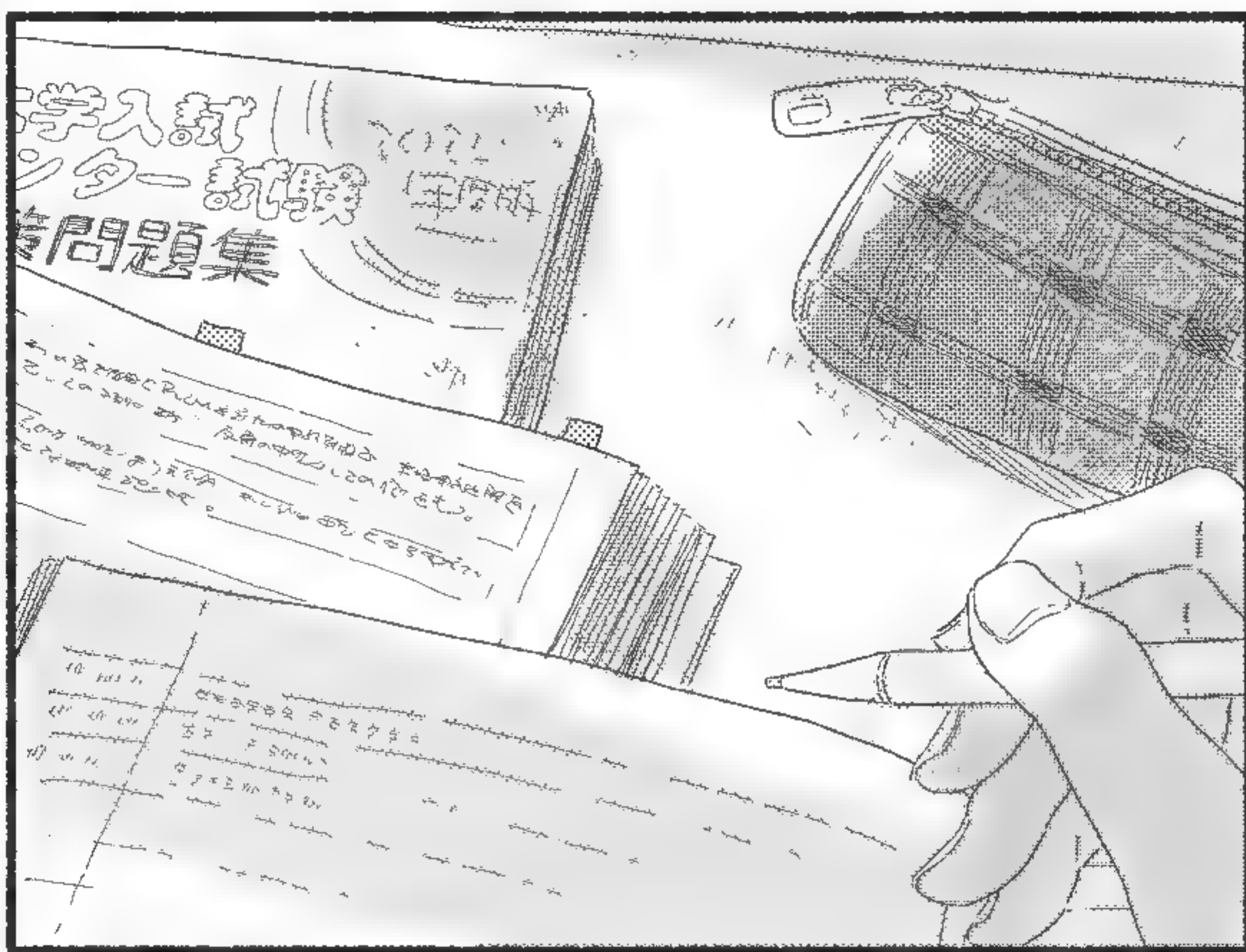
HOPE
YOU'LL
COME TOO,
AOI-CHAN.



FINAL CHAPTER









HA HA
HA...

OH,
PLEASE.
WHAT
OTHER
STUDENTS?



AW,
C'MON.
WHAT'S
THE BIG
DEAL?

QUIT
BUGGING
ME AND
GET LOST.

WOULD
YOU
GUYS
KNOCK IT
OFF?

BUT
YOU'RE THE
DUMBEST
ONE OF OUR
GROUP.

ARE YOU
SERIOUSLY
TRYING
TO GO TO
COLLEGE?

YOU'RE
DISTURBING
THE OTHER
STUDENTS!



NOW, GO
ON! GET
OUTTA
HERE!

NO! I
HAVE TO
GO TO
CRAM
SCHOOL
RIGHT
AFTER
THIS!

YOU'RE
GONNA
COME
HANG OUT,
RIGHT?

SO, HEY,
WE'RE ALL
HEADED
DOWN
TO THE
STATION.



SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.



CRAM
SCHOOL,
SHE
SAYS...
HA HA
HA!

OKAY,
HAVE
FUN
WITH
THAT!
BYE!



ARE YOU
PLANNING
TO GO TO
COLLEGE,
HARUKAWA-
SAN?

NO,
IT'S
FINE.



OH...



PRETTY
OBNOXIOUS,
AREN'T
THEY?



CAN'T
WAIT TO
START
OVER IN A
COUNTRY
WHERE
NO ONE
KNOWS
ME.

AND
NEVER
HAVE TO
HANG OUT
WITH THOSE
GUYS AGAIN.

IT'LL BE
GREAT.



SO
I'VE BEEN
STUDYING
ENGLISH
PRETTY
HARD.

GOT
DREAMS
I CAN'T
ACCOMPLISH
HERE.

ME, I'M
HOPING
TO STUDY
ABROAD.



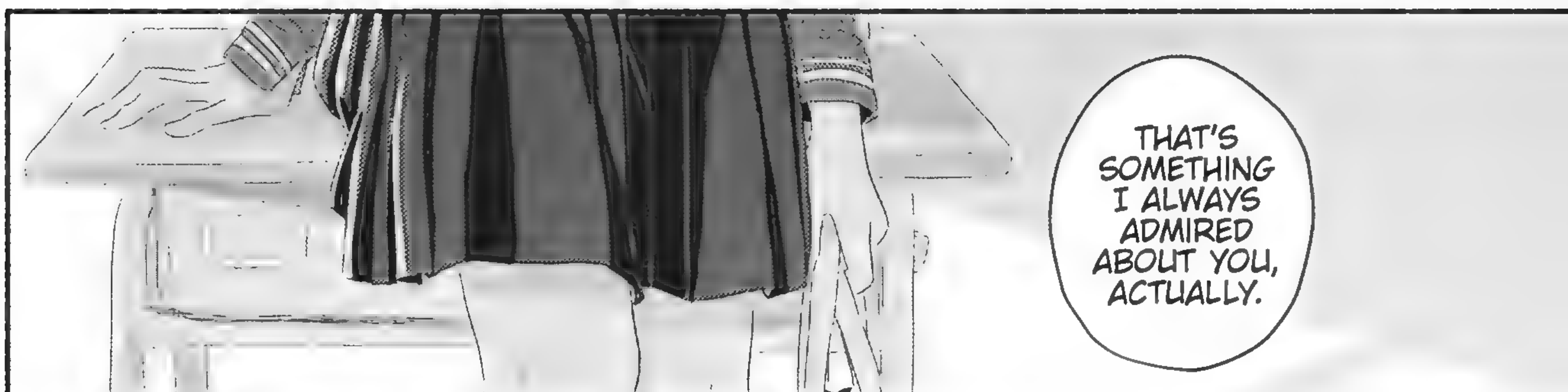
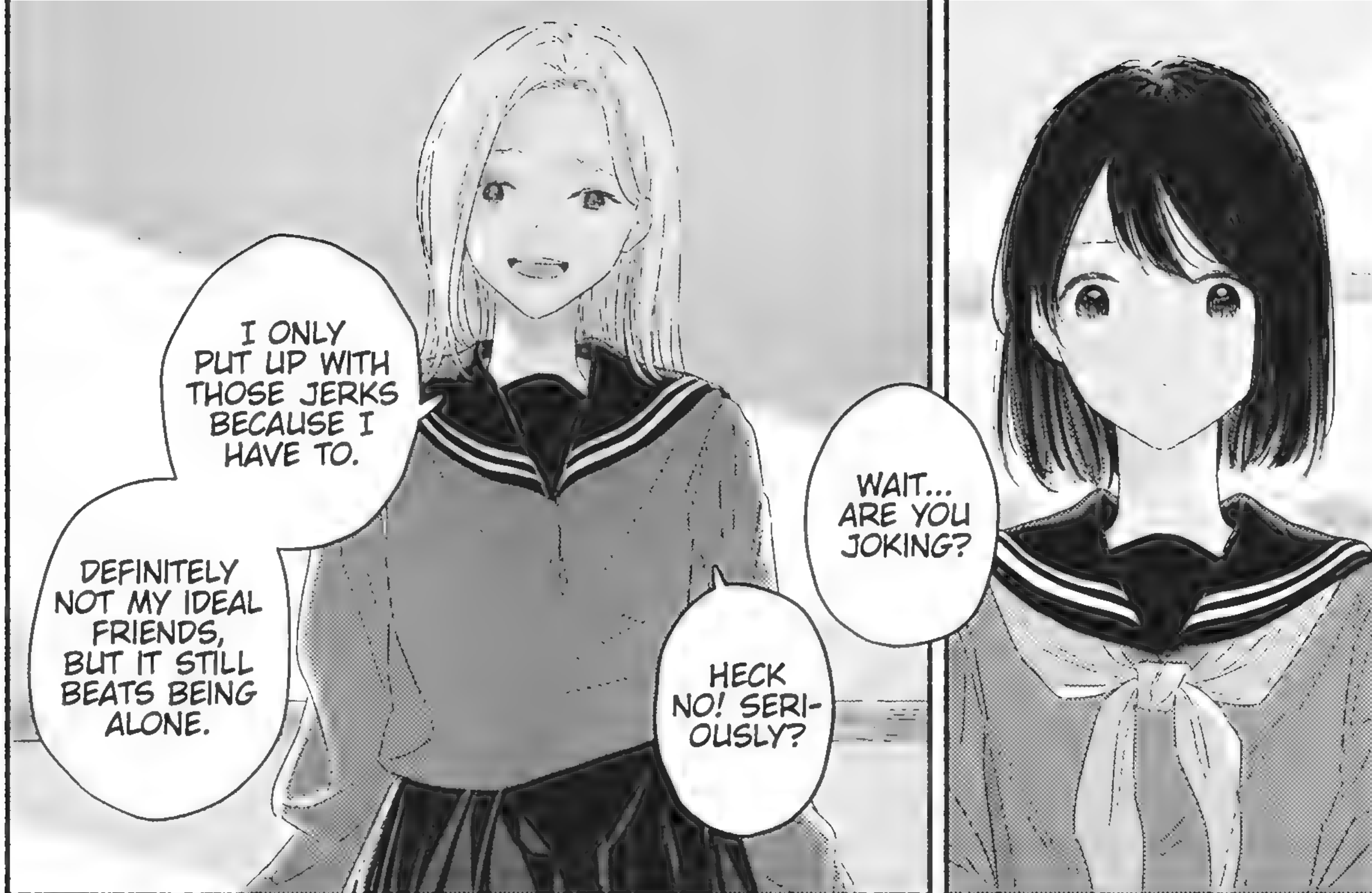
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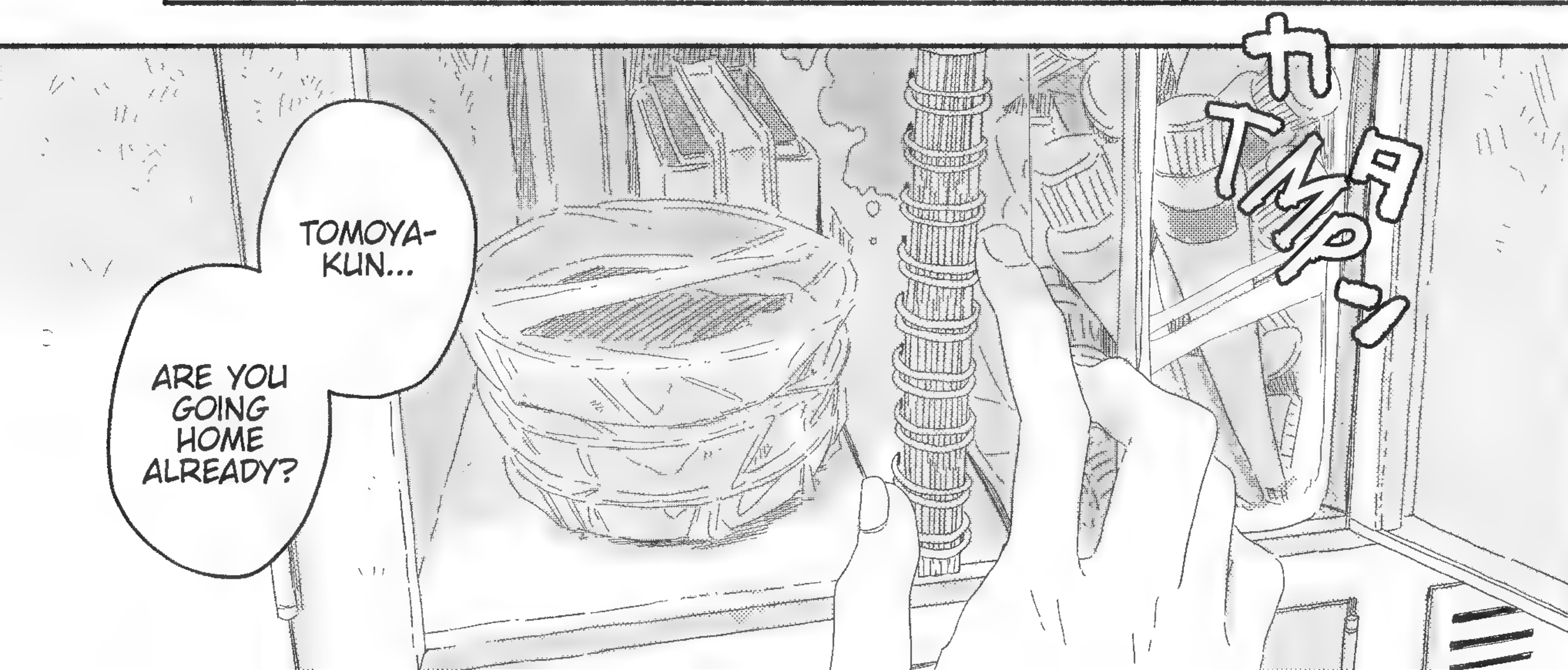
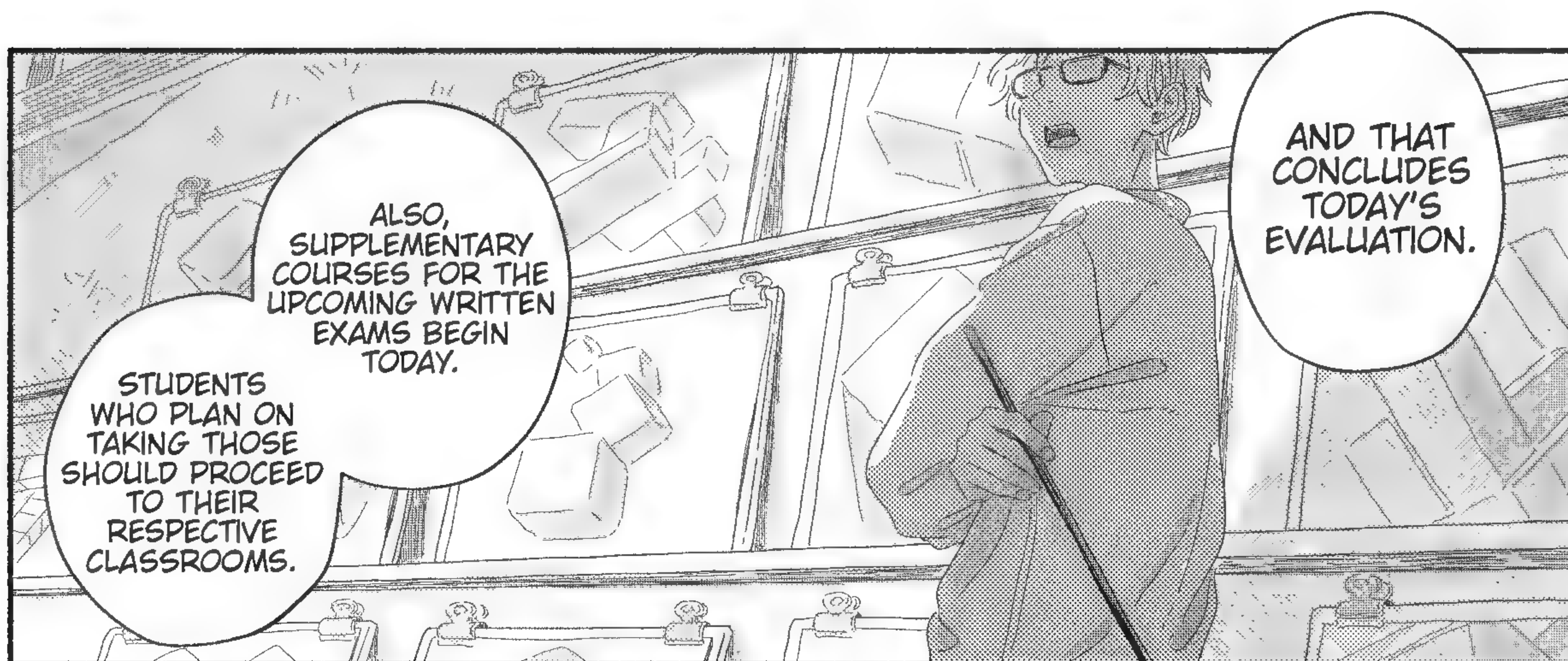
WON'T
YOU GET
HOME-
SICK?

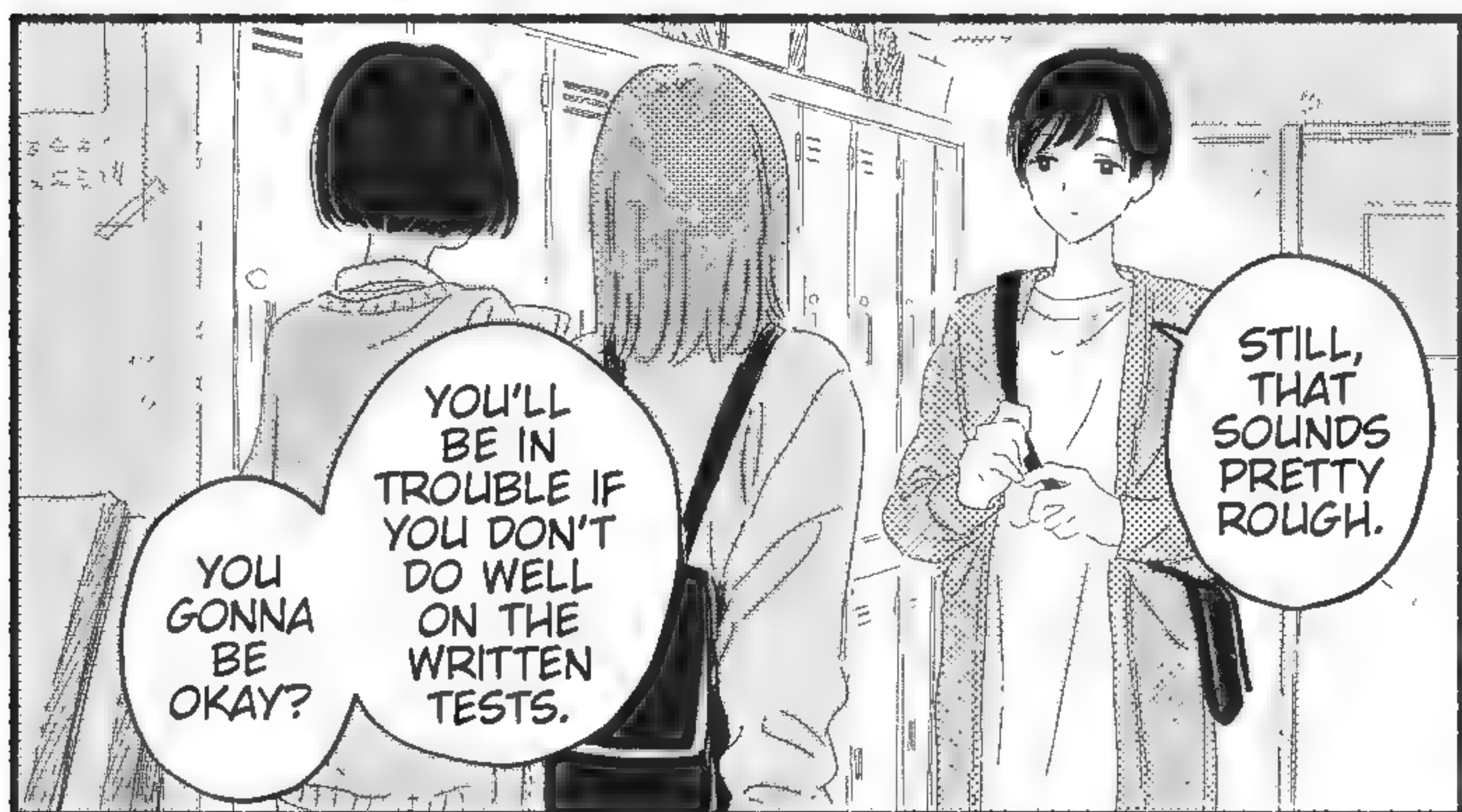
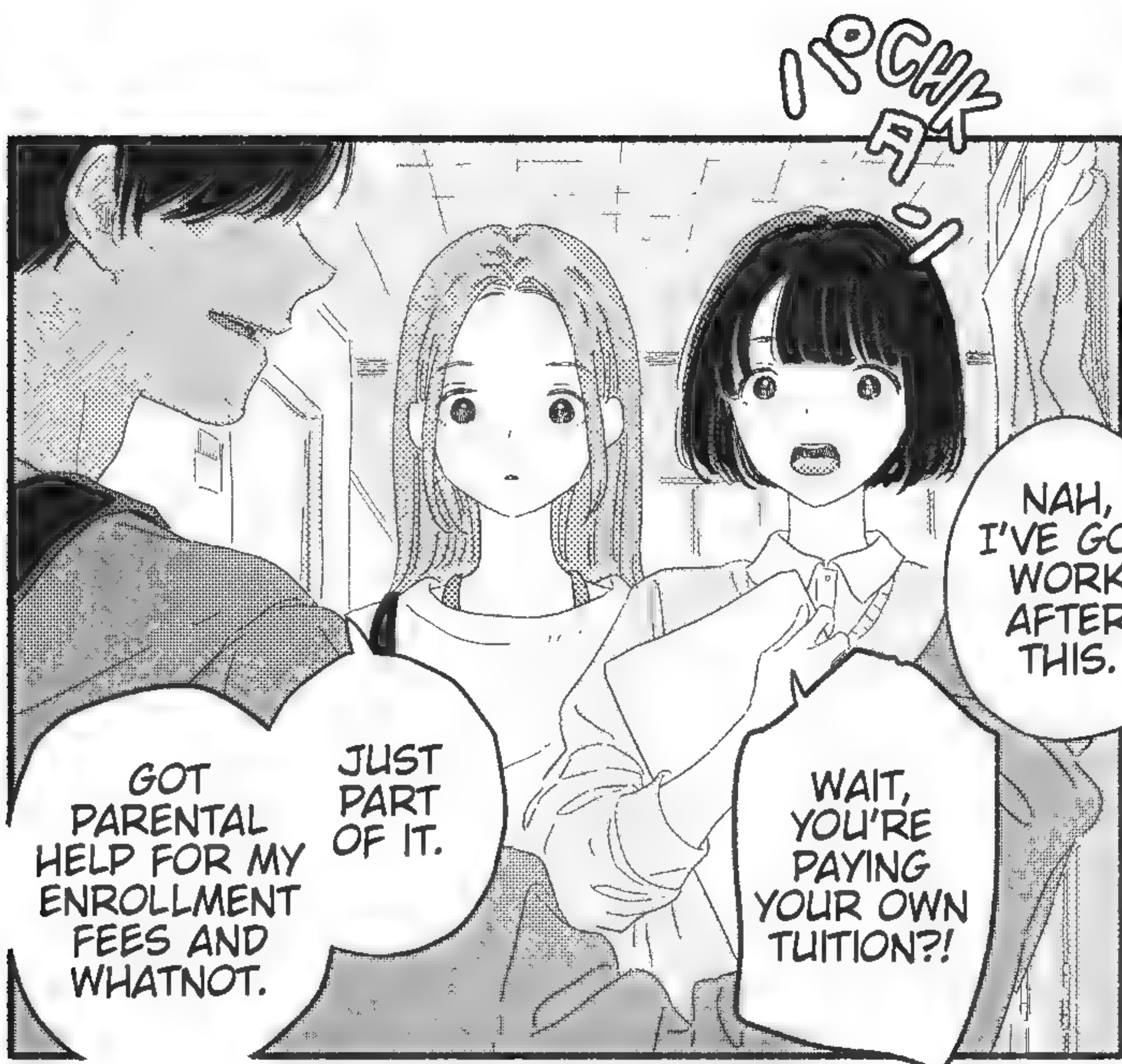
THAT'S
CRAZY
...

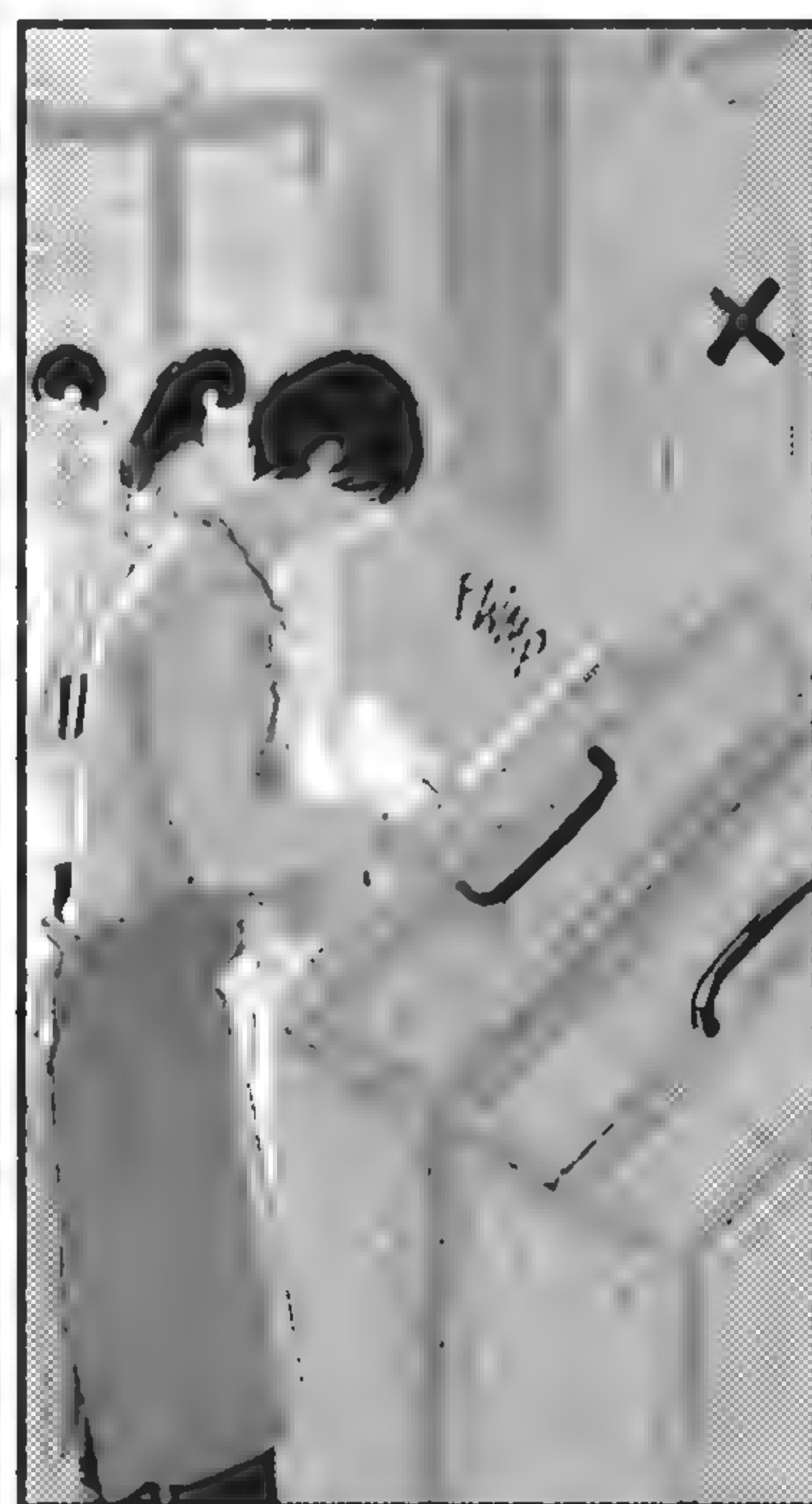
STUDYING
ABROAD,
HUH?

WOW
...







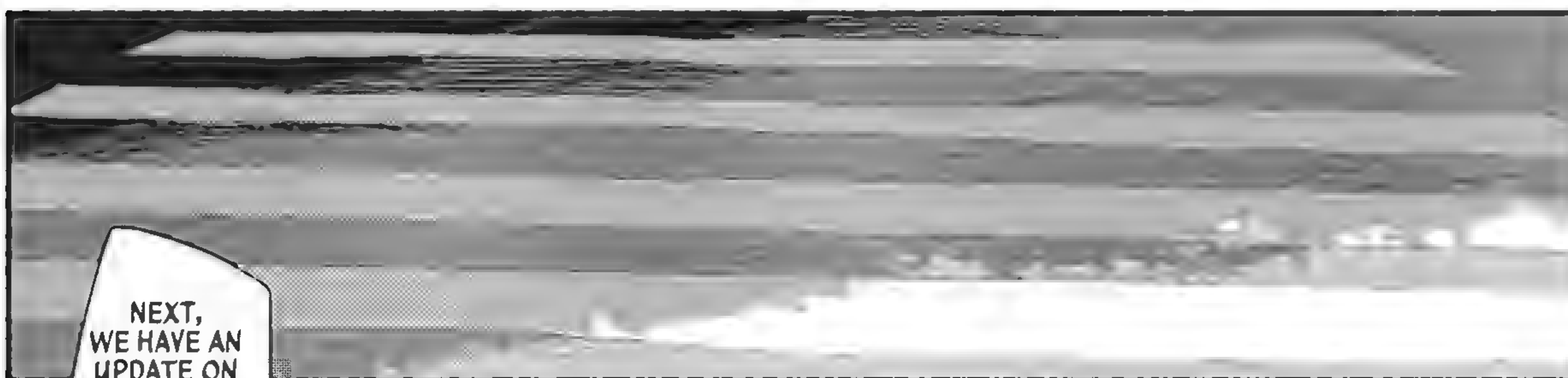




HEY,
SUGISAKI-
KUN!
COULDJA
TAKE THIS
ONE TOO?



YEP,
I'M ON
IT.



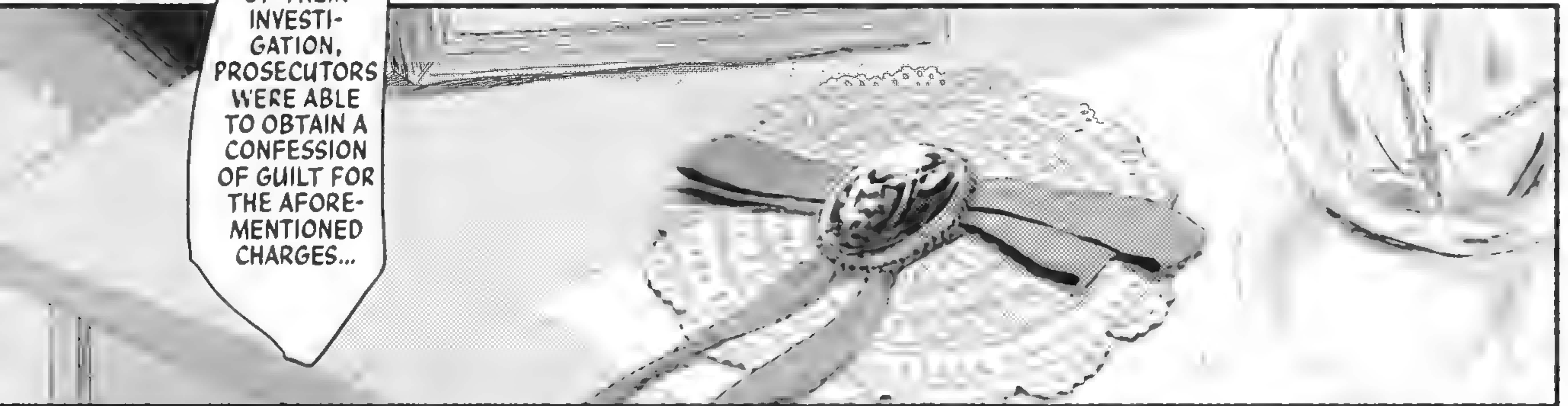
NEXT,
WE HAVE AN
UPDATE ON
THE BODY
OF A WOMAN
THAT WAS
DISCOVERED
IN THE NEARBY
FOOTHILLS
THIS PAST
SEPTEMBER.

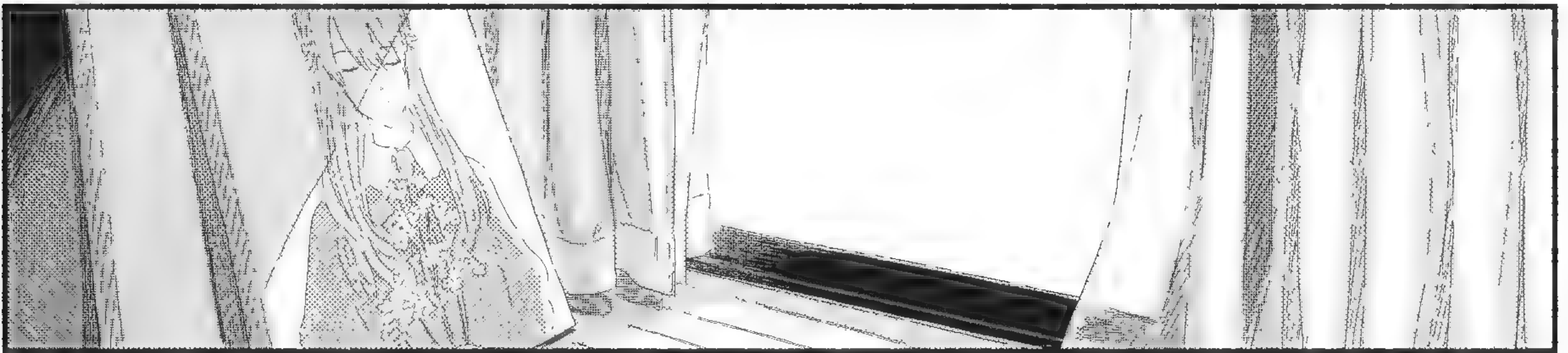
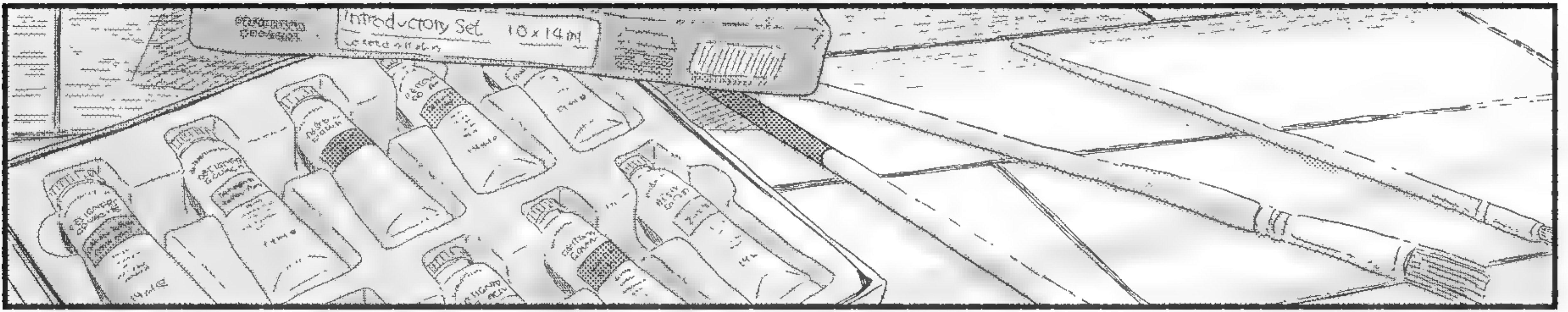


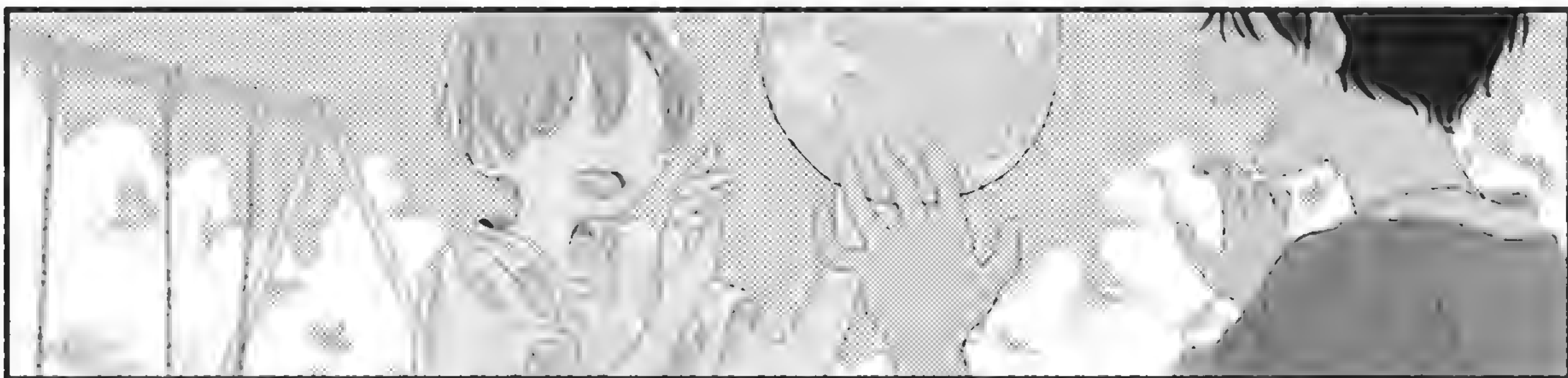
IN THE
COURSE
OF THEIR
INVESTI-
GATION,
PROSECUTORS
WERE ABLE
TO OBTAIN A
CONFESSION
OF GUILT FOR
THE AFORE-
MENTIONED
CHARGES...

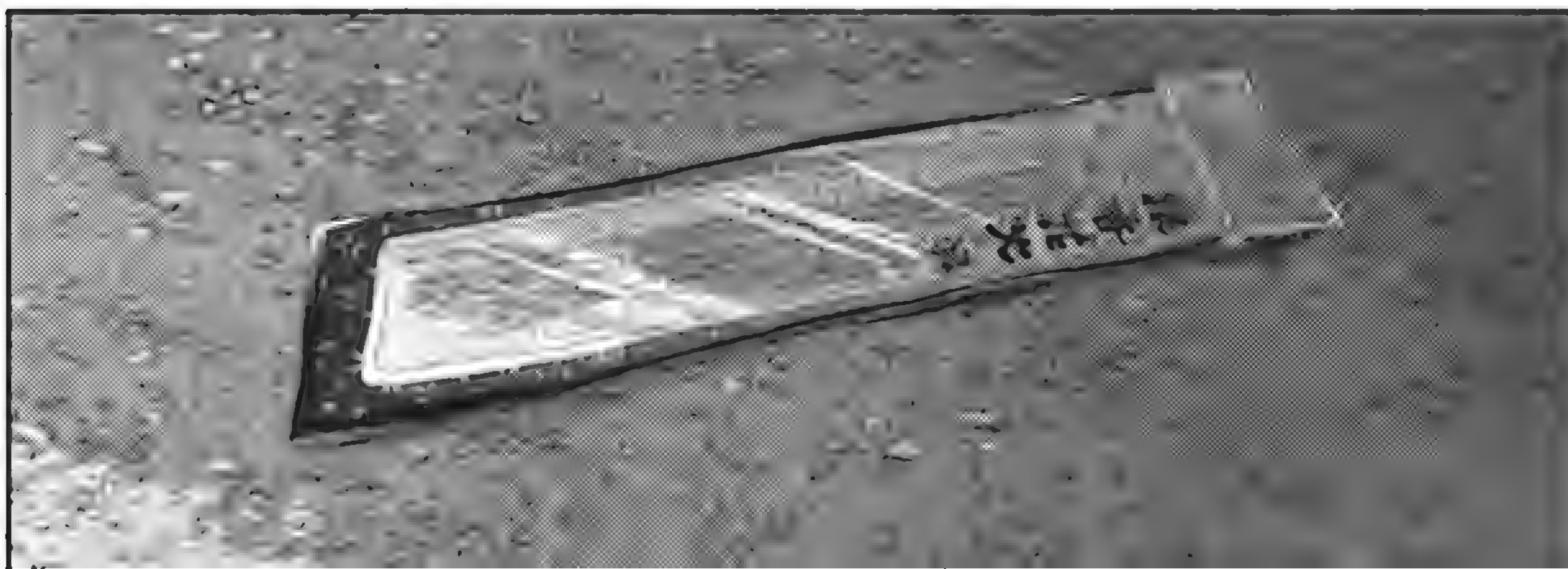


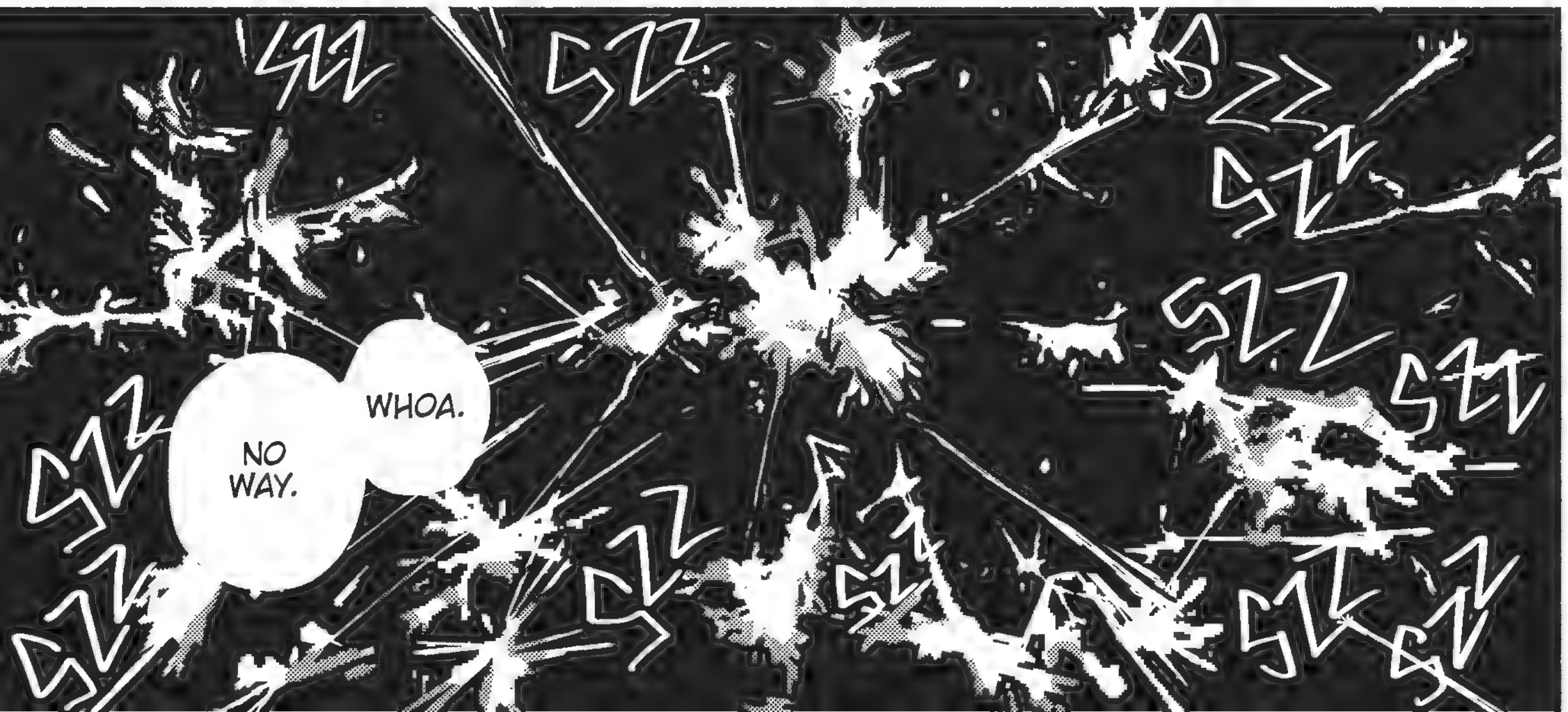
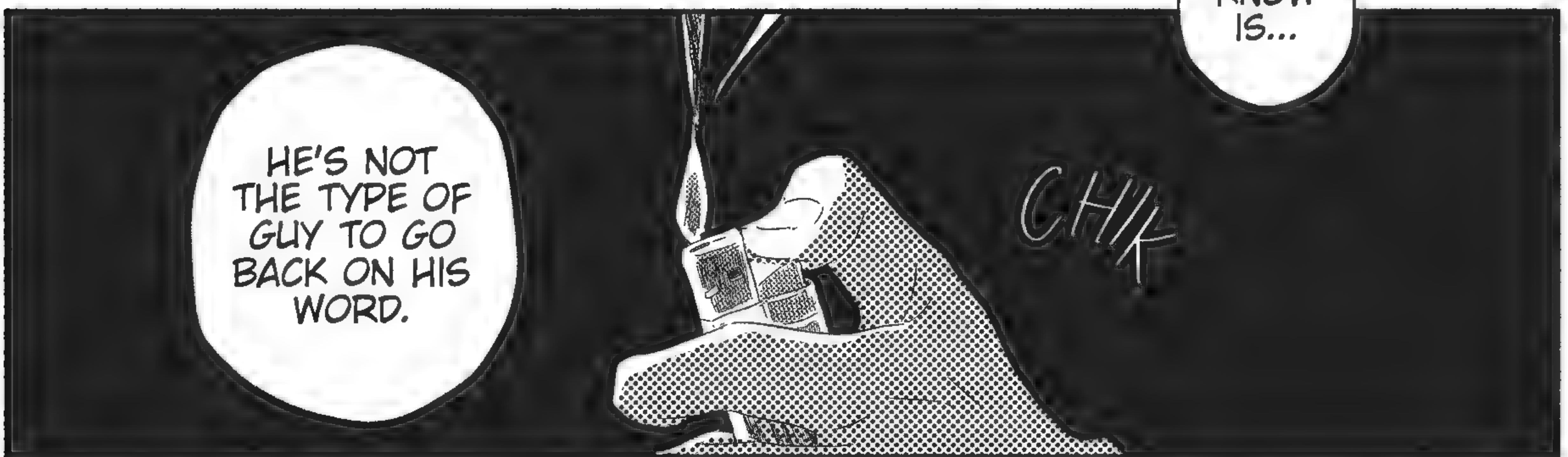
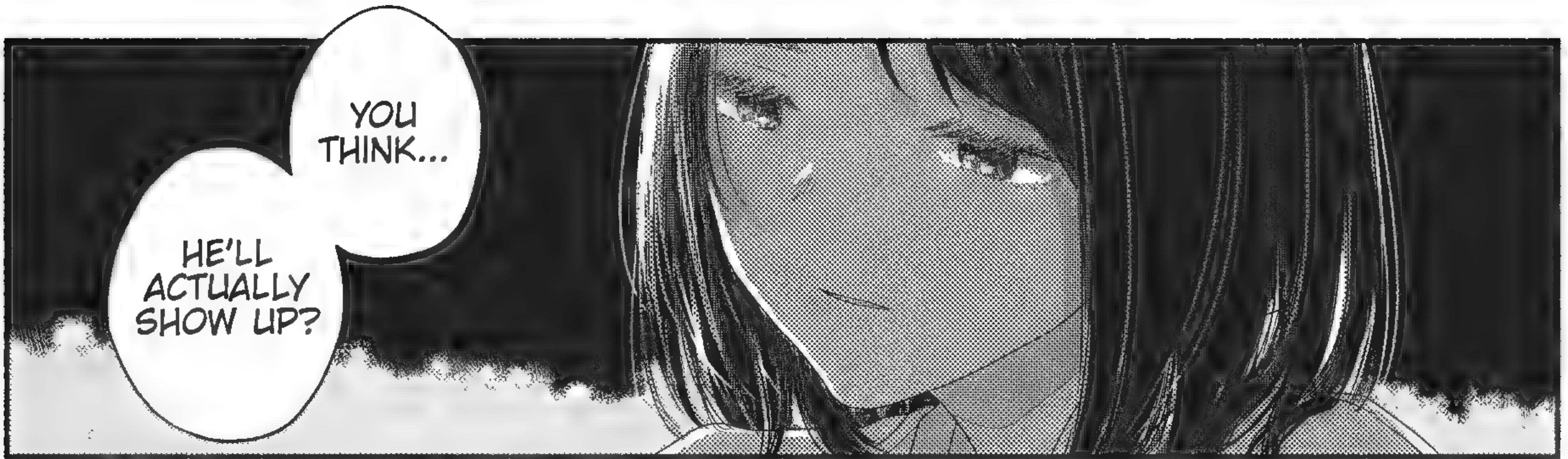
POLICE
HAVE NOW
APPRE-
HENDED
THEIR
PRIMARY
SUSPECT ON
SUSPICION
OF CONCEAL-
MENT OF A
DEAD BODY
AS WELL
AS--













SO
THEN...

I GUESS YOU
REMEMBERED
OUR LITTLE
PROMISE.

YOU BOTH
ACTUALLY
SHOWED
UP.





NEVER
BETTER,
BAY-BEE.

AND
YOU?

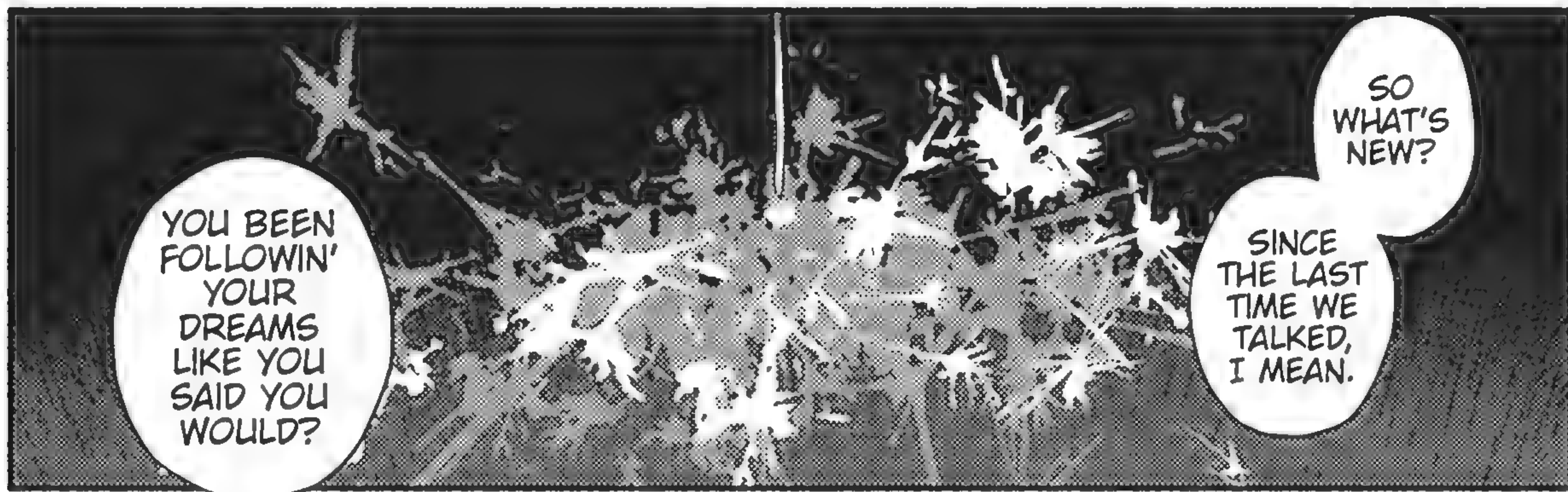
YEAH...

HOW'VE
YOU BEEN,
MAN? STILL
HANGIN' IN
THERE?

HA
HA...



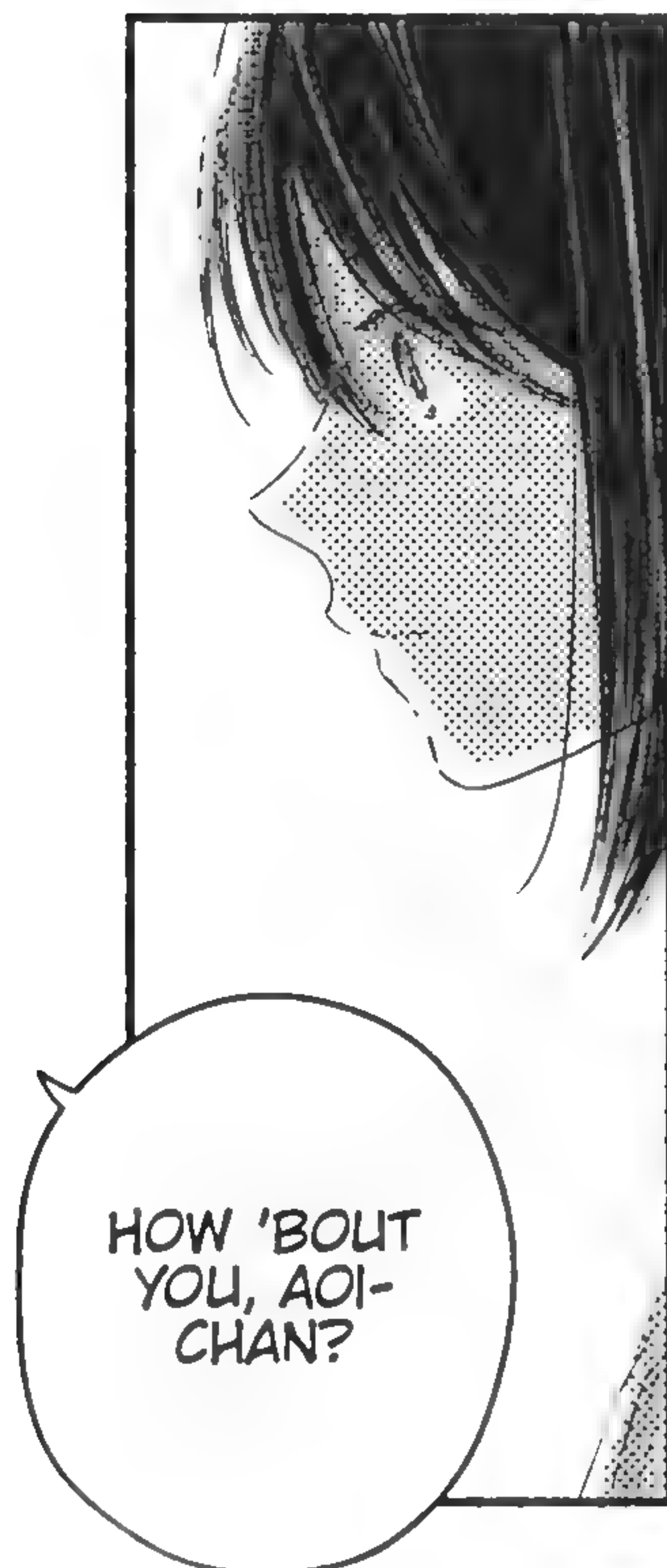
WELL,
YEAH...
HOW
COULD WE
FORGET?



YOU BEEN
FOLLOWIN'
YOUR
DREAMS
LIKE YOU
SAID YOU
WOULD?

SO
WHAT'S
NEW?

SINCE
THE LAST
TIME WE
TALKED,
I MEAN.



HOW 'BOUT
YOU, AOI-
CHAN?



GOTCHA.



TRYING
TO, YEAH.

BUT HEY,
I ENJOY
WAKING
UP EACH
MORNING
NOW. SO I'D
SAY THAT'S
A GOOD
SIGN.

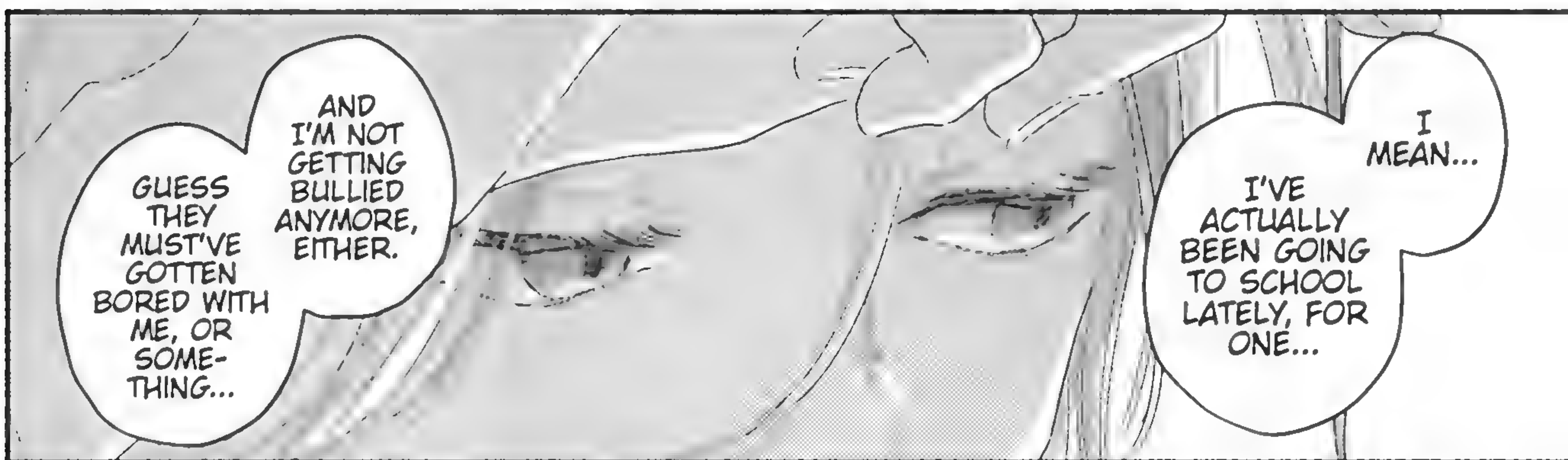
HONESTLY,
I'M STILL
A LITTLE
UNSURE...

IF I'M
REALLY
MAKING
THE RIGHT
CHOICE
HERE OR
NOT.



DOING
PRETTY
WELL,
YEAH.

I'VE
BEEN...



GUESS
THEY
MUST'VE
GOTTEN
BORED WITH
ME, OR
SOME-
THING...

AND
I'M NOT
GETTING
BULLIED
ANYMORE,
EITHER.

I
MEAN...

I'VE
ACTUALLY
BEEN GOING
TO SCHOOL
LATELY, FOR
ONE...



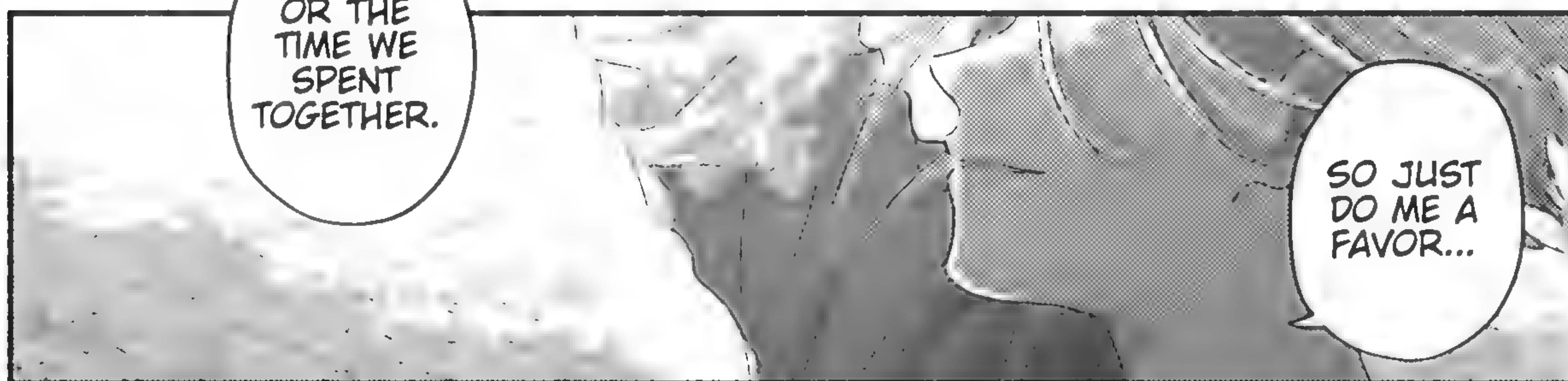
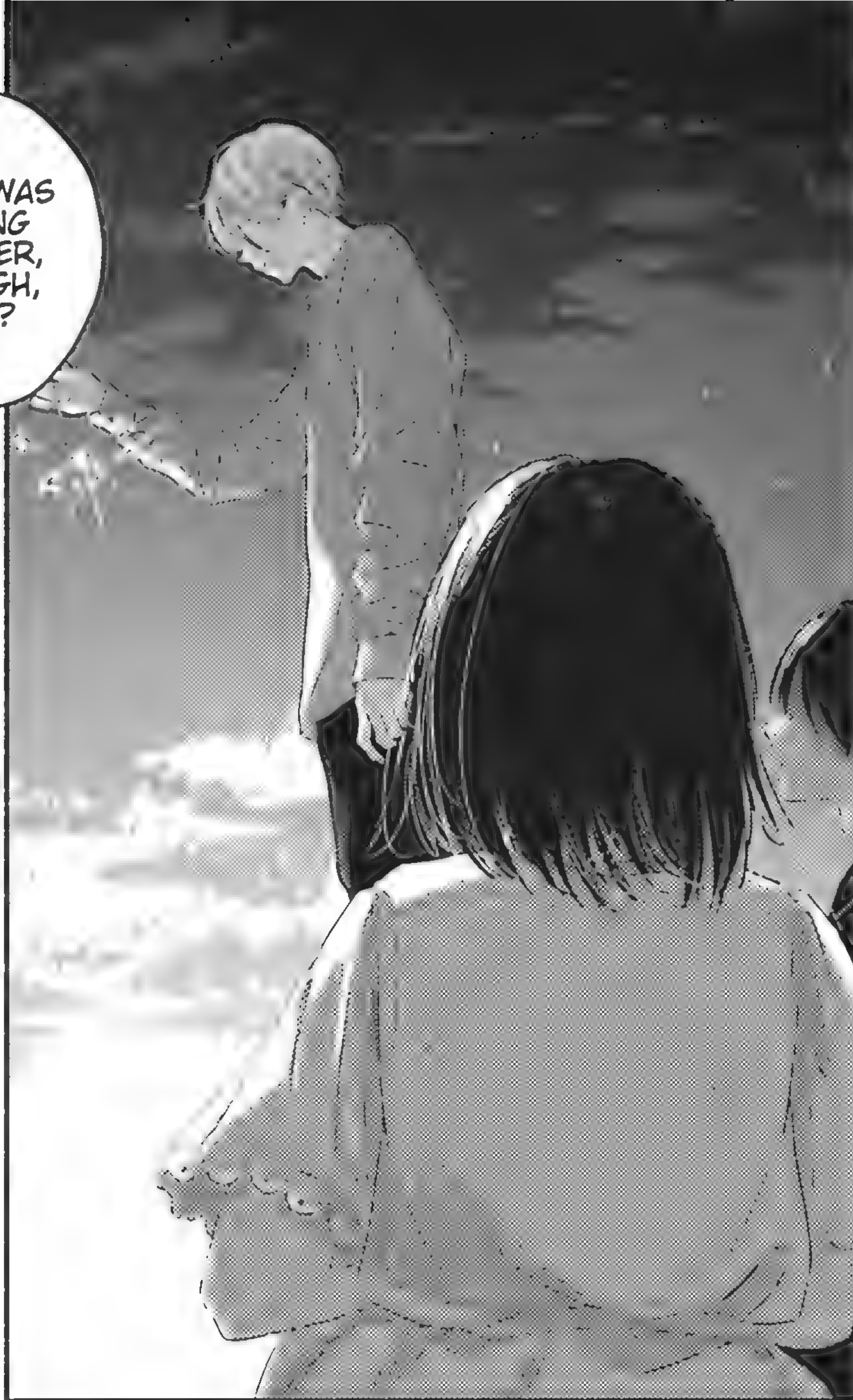
WELP...
GUESS
IT'S ABOUT
THAT TIME.



THANKS...
WILL DO.



WELL, IF
THEY START
PICKIN' ON
YOU AGAIN,
JUST LET ME
KNOW. I'LL
CURSE 'EM
FOR YA.





WILL
YOU COME
BACK AND
KEEP ME
COMPANY?

IF I EVER
START TO
LOSE MY
WILL TO LIVE
AGAIN...

IF WE
COME
BACK
HERE...

AND LIGHT
FIREWORKS,
CAN WE SEE
YOU AGAIN?

ARE...

ARE
YOU...

ARE YOU
THE SUMMER
GHOST NOW?

NO.

I ONLY
CAME BACK
'CAUSE WE
MADE A
PROMISE,
AND I'M A
MAN OF MY
WORD.



AOI-
CHAN...

TOMOYA
...

THAT'S
JUST PART
OF BEING
ALIVE,
AFTER
ALL.

I'M SURE
THERE'LL
BE PLENTY
OF UPS AND
DOWNS FOR
YOU BOTH
ON THE ROAD
AHEAD.



YOU'LL
NEVER SEE
THIS FACE
AGAIN.



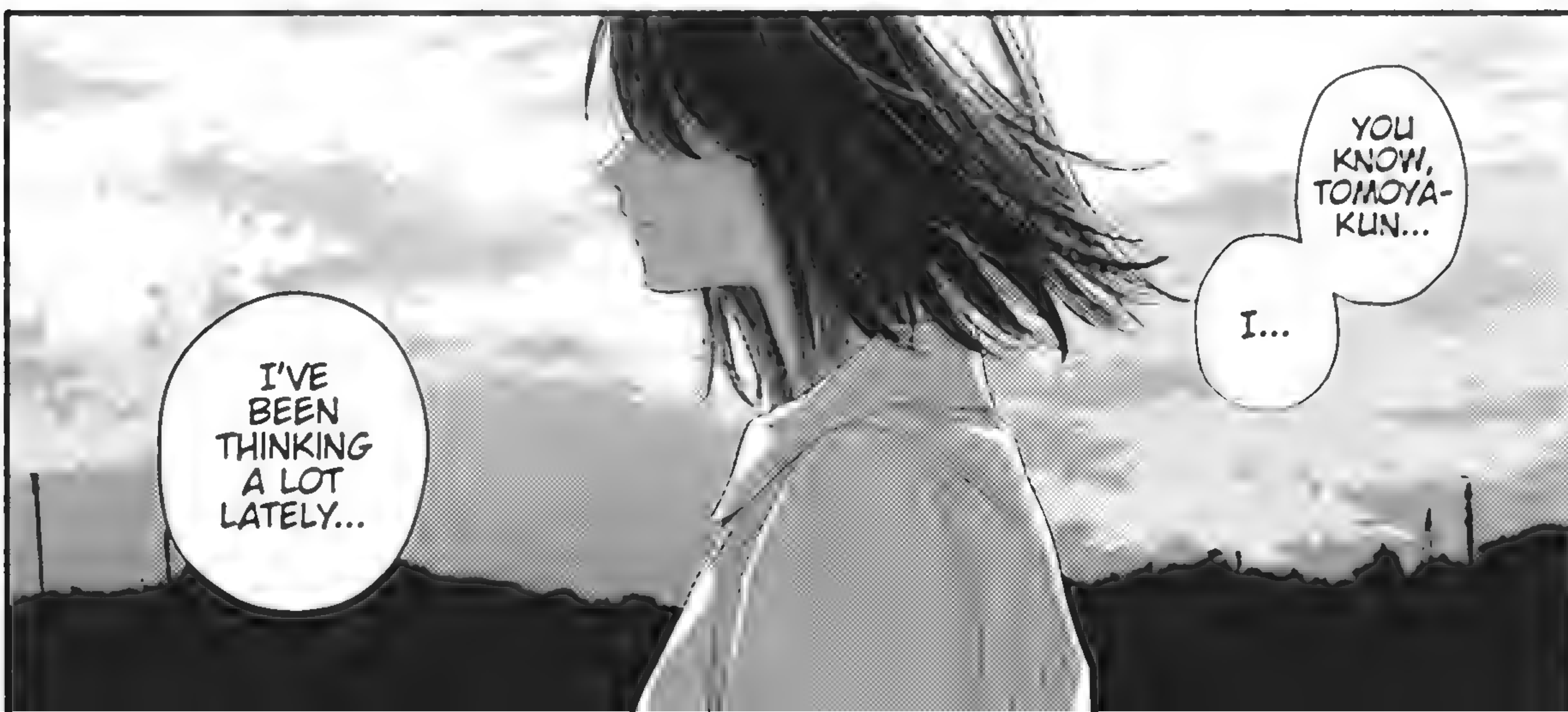
BUT
DON'T
WORRY...



IT'LL ALL
TURN OUT
OKAY IN
THE END.

SO, THAT
FAVOR I
WANT...

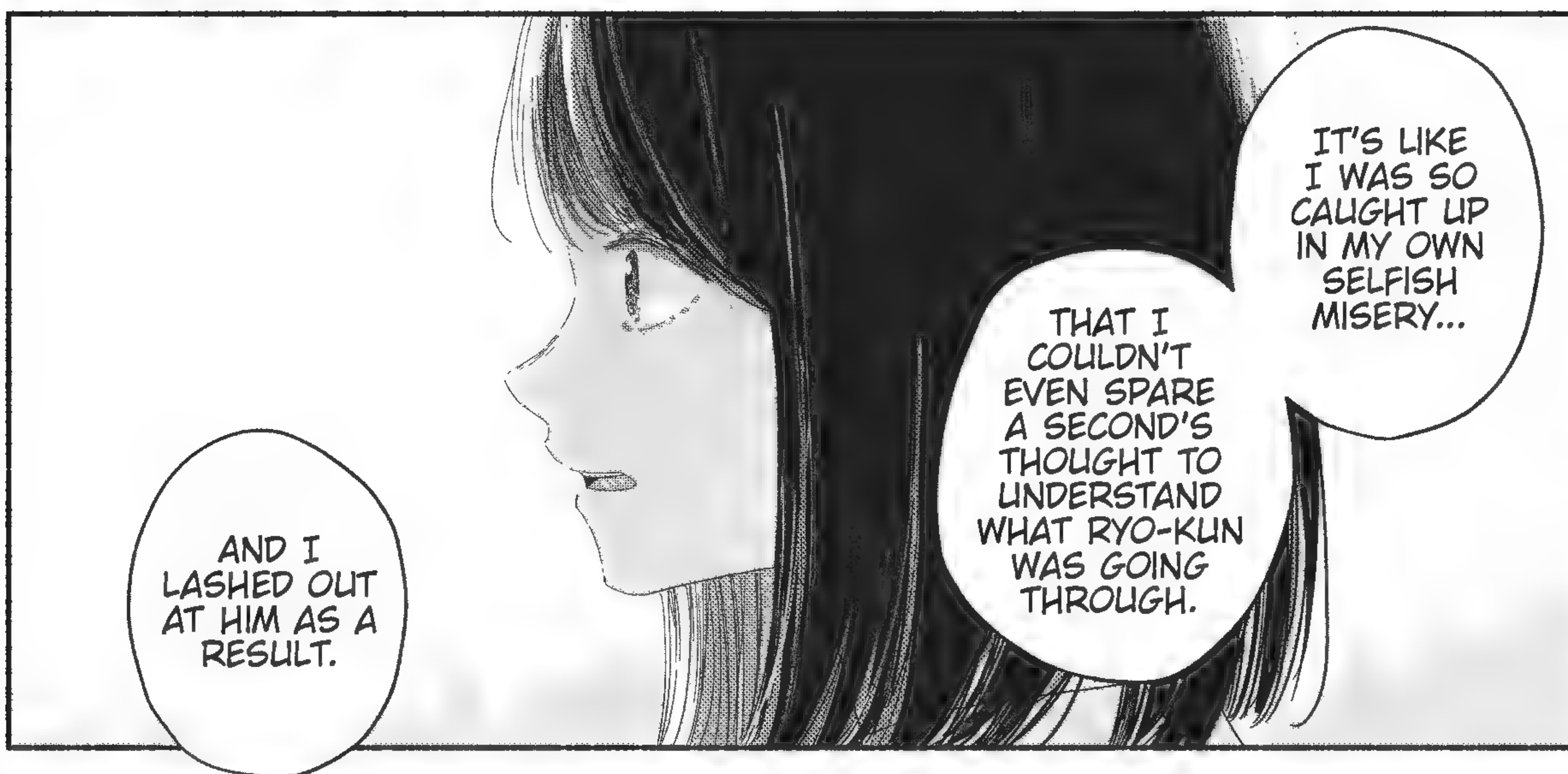






AND WHY
I SAID ALL
THOSE
HORRIBLE
THINGS.

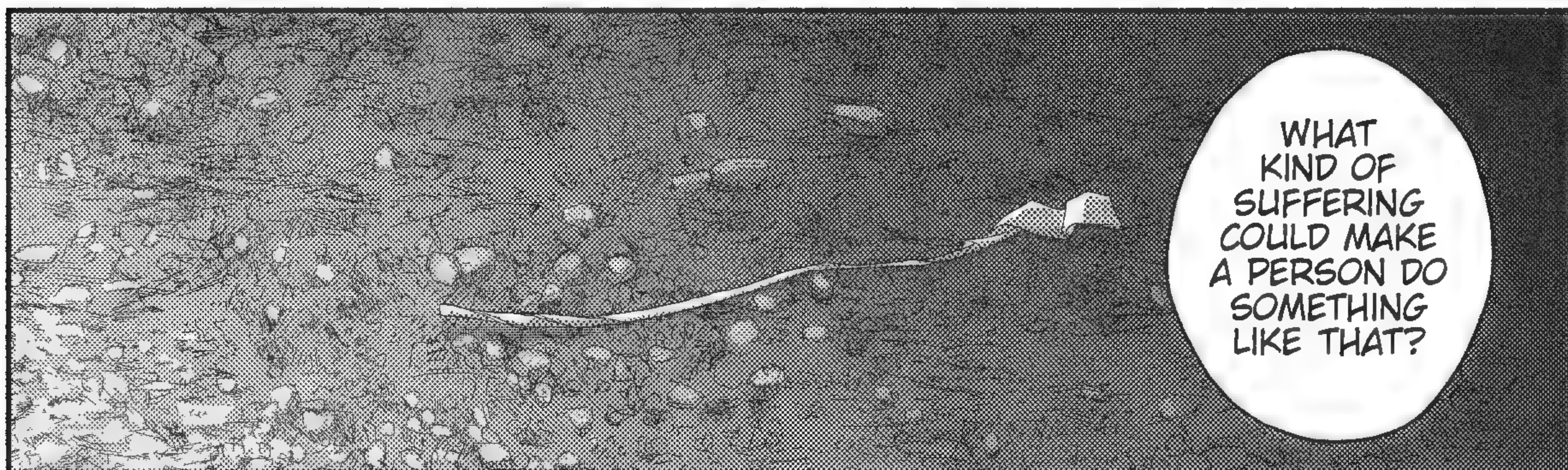
ABOUT WHY
I COULDN'T
BE MORE
COMPASSIONATE
BACK THEN.



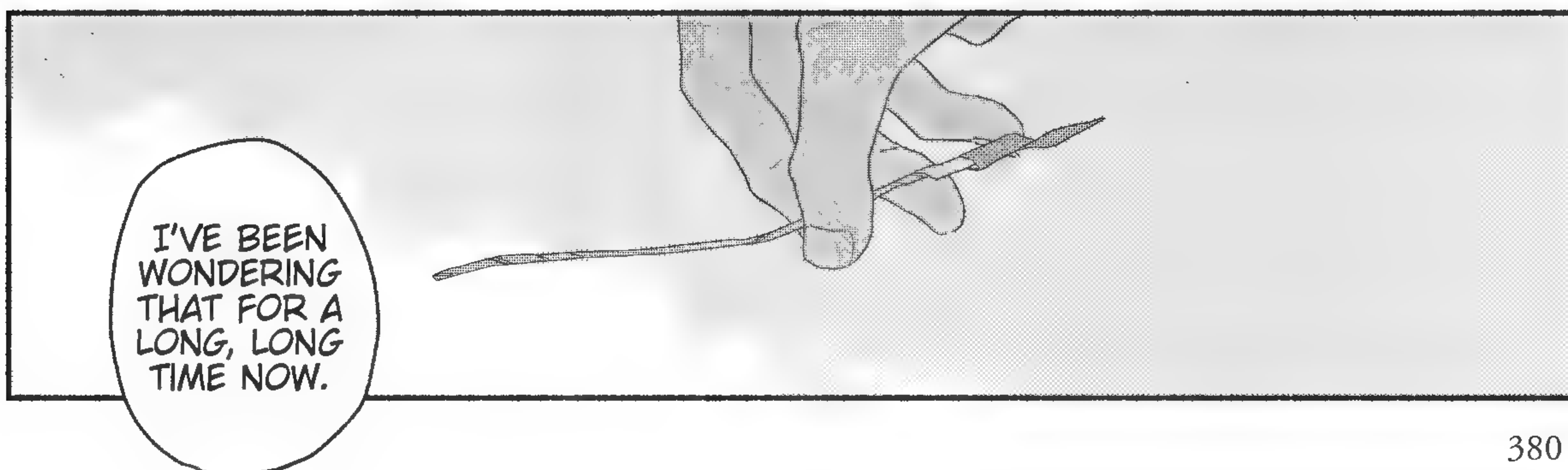
AND I
LASHED OUT
AT HIM AS A
RESULT.

THAT I
COULDN'T
EVEN SPARE
A SECOND'S
THOUGHT TO
UNDERSTAND
WHAT RYO-KUN
WAS GOING
THROUGH.

IT'S LIKE
I WAS SO
CAUGHT UP
IN MY OWN
SELFISH
MISERY...



WHAT
KIND OF
SUFFERING
COULD MAKE
A PERSON DO
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT?



I'VE BEEN
WONDERING
THAT FOR A
LONG, LONG
TIME NOW.



AND THE
WORST
PART IS...

I CAN'T
EVEN TRULY
REMEMBER...

WHAT IT
FELT LIKE
ANYMORE.

ALL THE
PAIN AND
SUFFERING I
WAS GOING
THROUGH
BACK THEN...

OR
EVEN...

WHAT I
FELT THAT
DAY... OUR
LAST DAY...





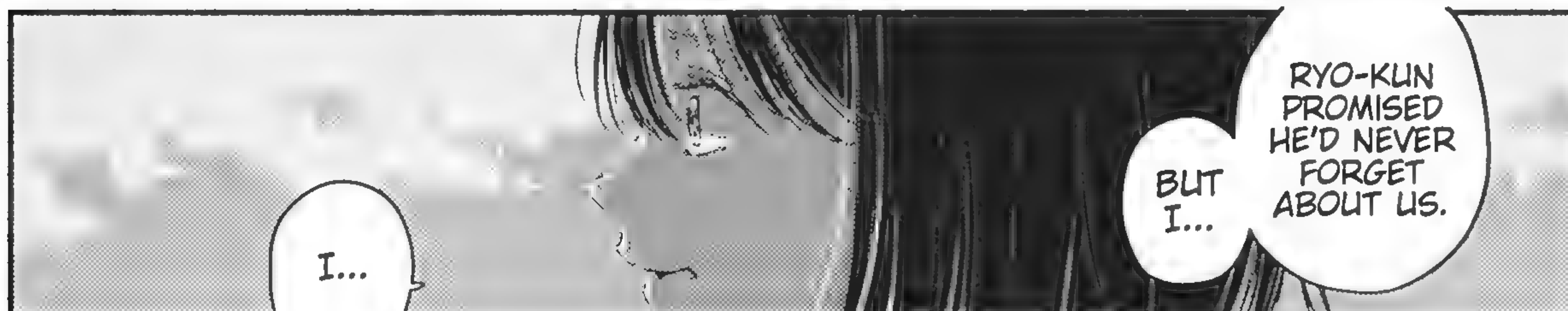
I WISH
THAT YOU
AND I WILL LIVE
THE MOST
AWESOME
LIVES YOU
POSSIBLY
CAN.

It incorporated in the midsummer sweater.



UNTIL
EVENTUALLY,
THERE MIGHT
NOT BE
ANYTHING
LEFT.

IT'S LIKE
I'M LOSING
MORE OF
HIM EVERY
DAY.



I...

BUT
I...

RYO-KUN
PROMISED
HE'D NEVER
FORGET
ABOUT US.

IT'S
TRUE.



BUT IF
I KNOW
RYO-
KUN...

HE
WOULDN'T
BE OFFENDED
BY THAT, OR
EXPECT ANY
DIFFERENT.



NOT
THAT I CAN
SPEAK FOR
HIM, OF
COURSE.



YOU'RE
GONNA
FORGET AN
AWFUL LOT
ABOUT RYO-
KUN--AND
AN AWFUL
LOT ABOUT
YOURSELF.

THAT'S
JUST PART
OF WHAT IT
MEANS TO
BE ALIVE.

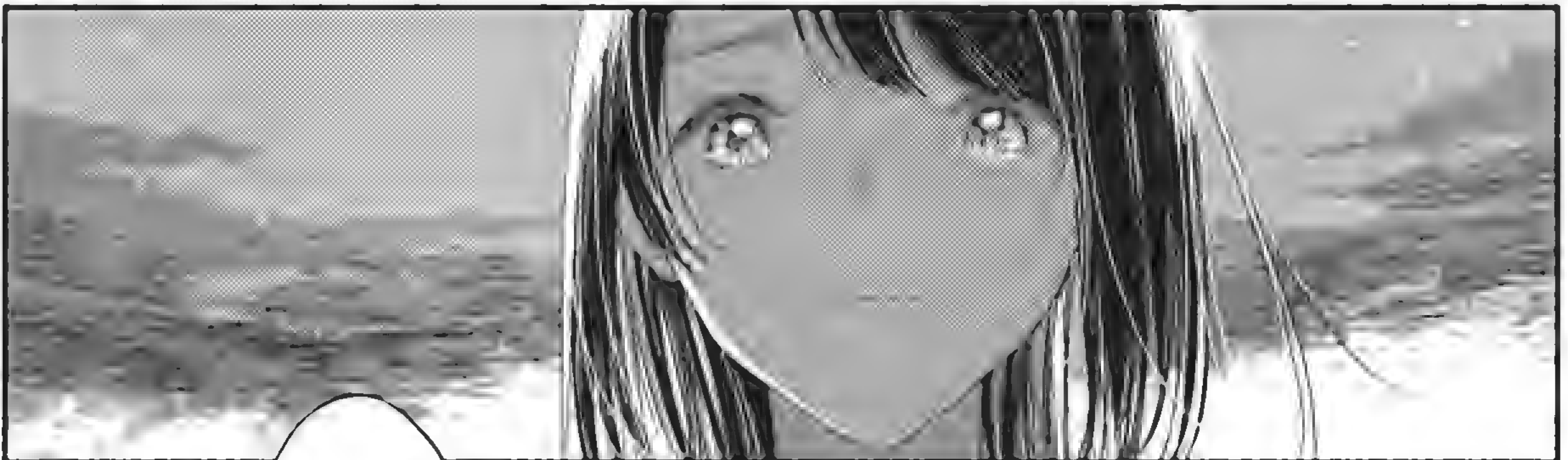


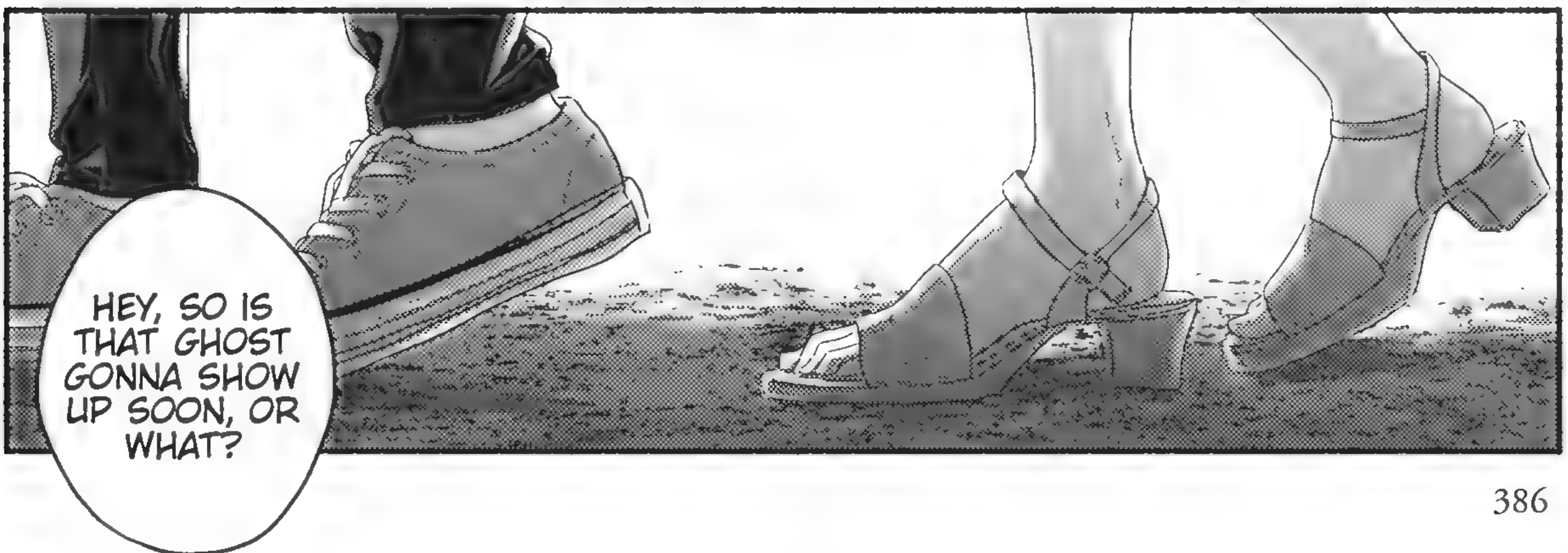
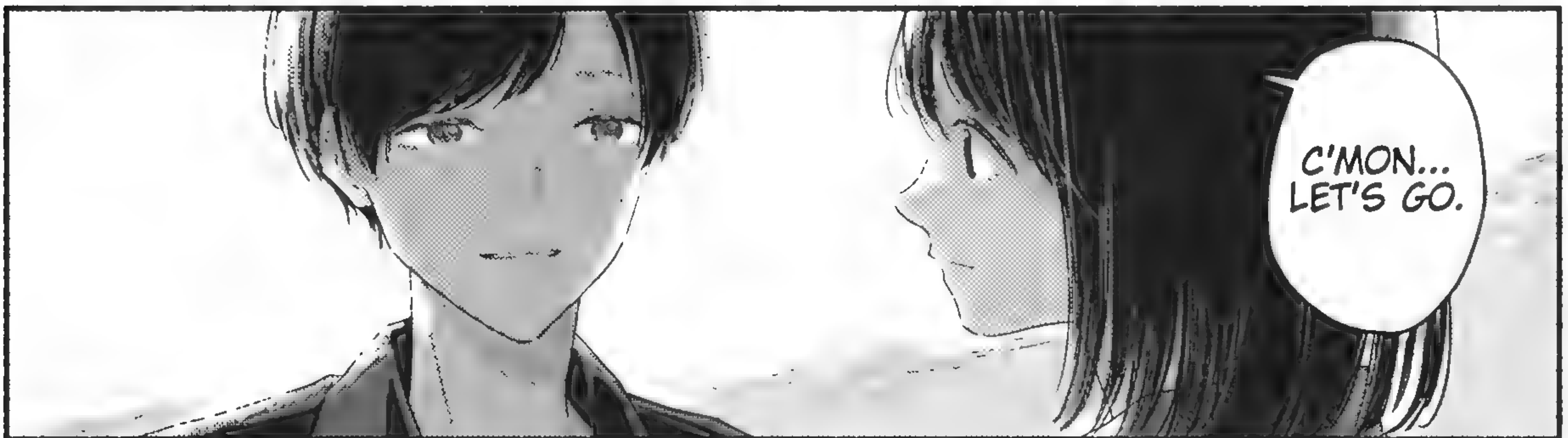
AND
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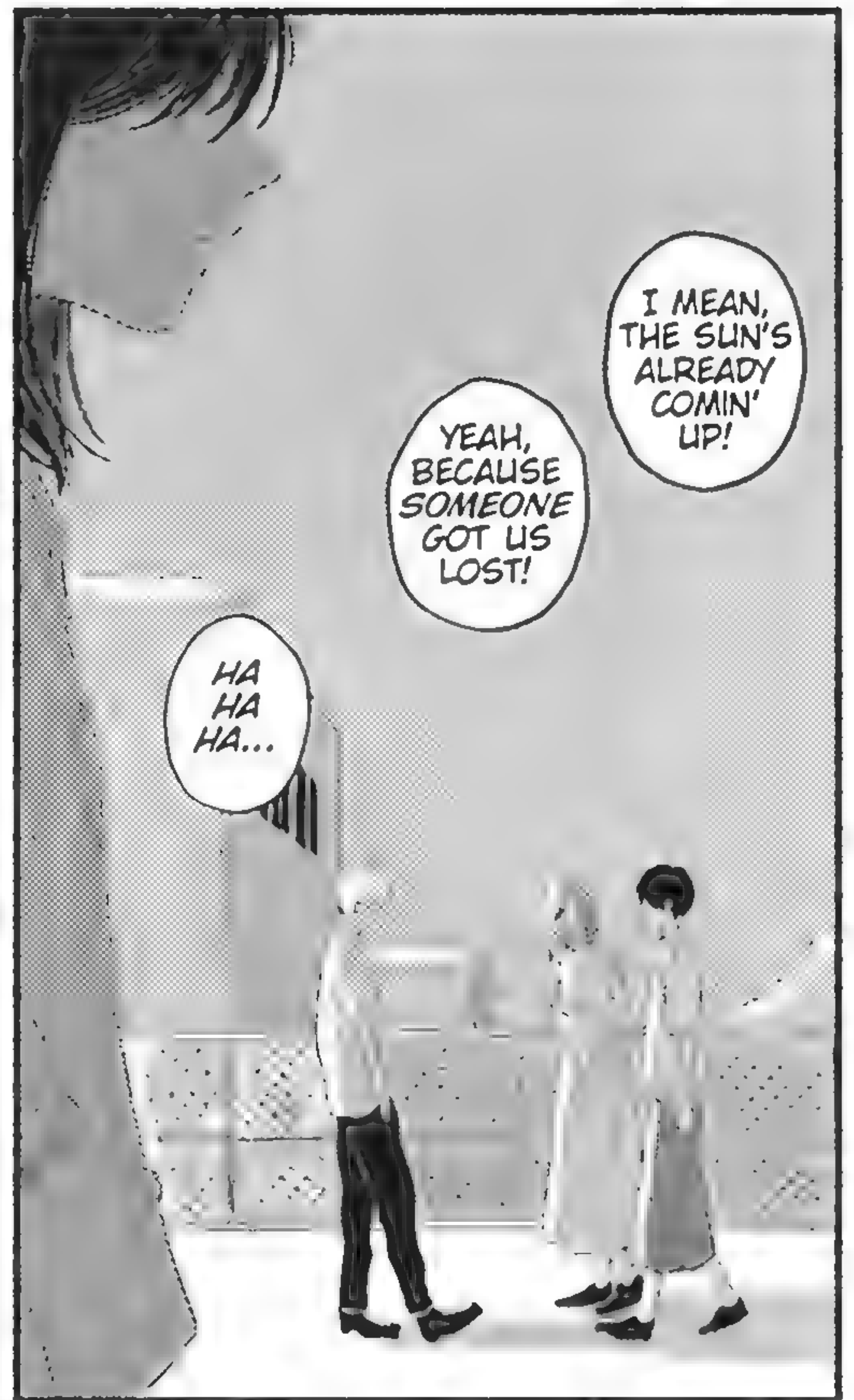
YOU
SAID YOU
WISHED YOU
COULD'VE
UNDERSTOOD
WHAT HE
WAS GOING
THROUGH.

BUT
HONESTLY,
THAT'S THE
LAST THING
RYO-KUN
WOULD
HAVE EVER
WANTED.

AND
I KINDA
FEEL THE
SAME
WAY.







***I HOPE YOU
NEVER KNOW
SUFFERING
LIKE WE DID
THAT DAY.***



AFTERWORD

Since first receiving the script for the film,
I've spent about a year now just ruminating on how
much suffering these four relatively soft-spoken
characters must have been bottling up inside.

With each having their own unique cross to bear,
I might find myself relating to one, yet rebuking another;
seeing one as worthy of sympathy, then another beyond
comprehension. But none of these forms of pain are more or
less valid than the others.

To think otherwise, or attempt to ascribe a hierarchy to such
suffering is a fool's errand, akin to pondering the meaning of life,
or the nature of death. There is no answer to be found.
In this author's view, we would all do well to simply live our lives
with just a bit more empathy.

I can only hope that the winter these three shared
together was full of warm, happy memories.

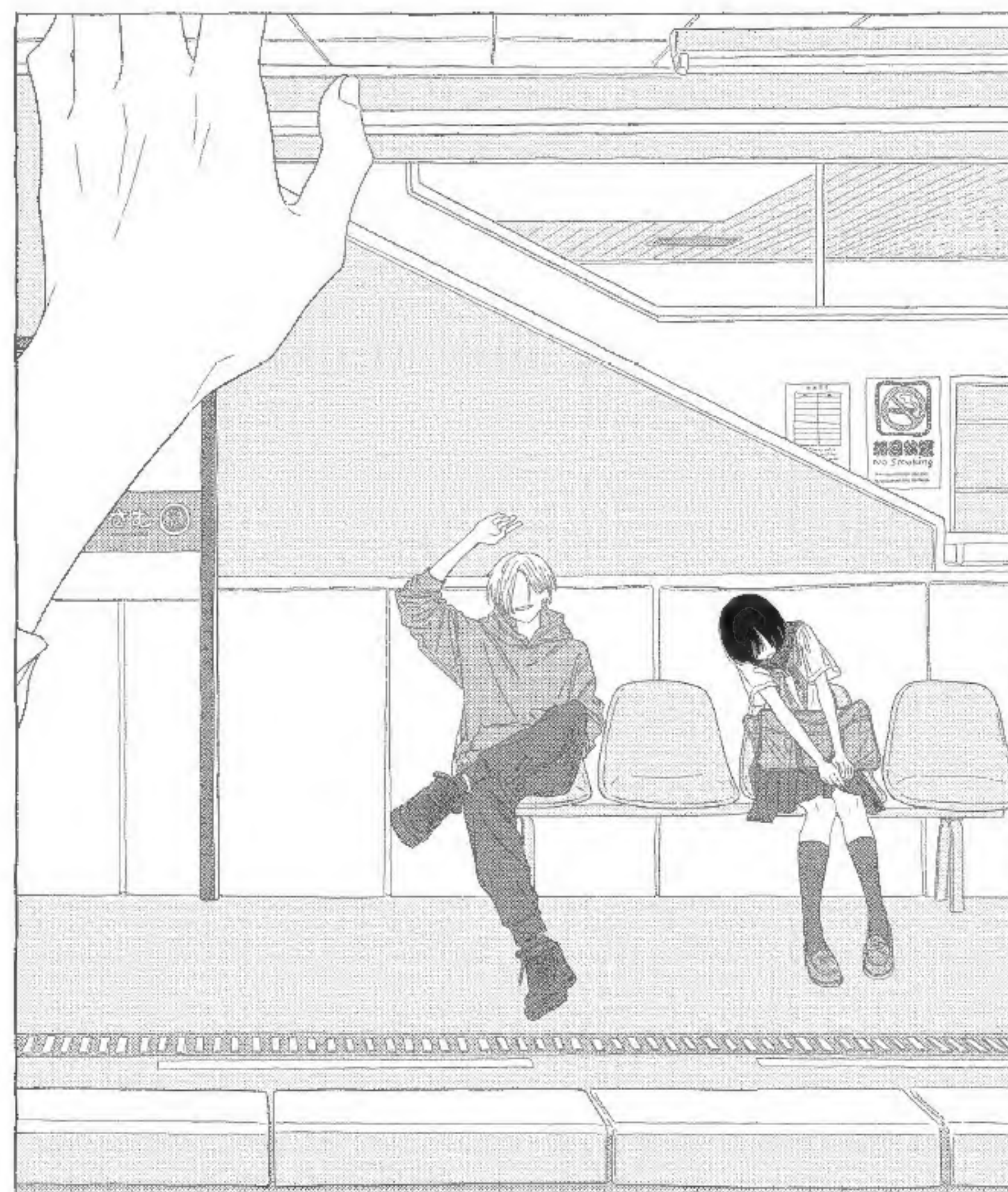
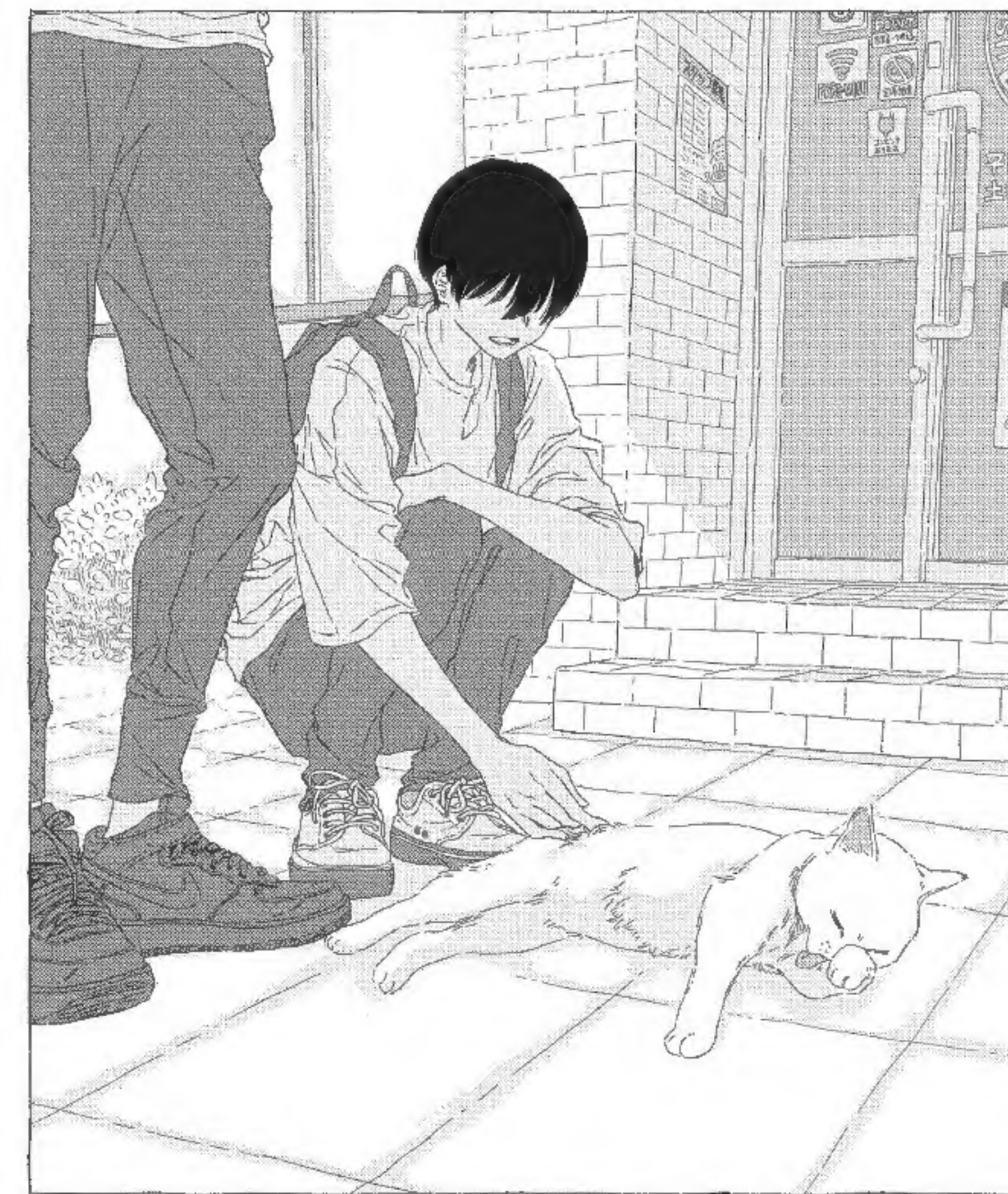
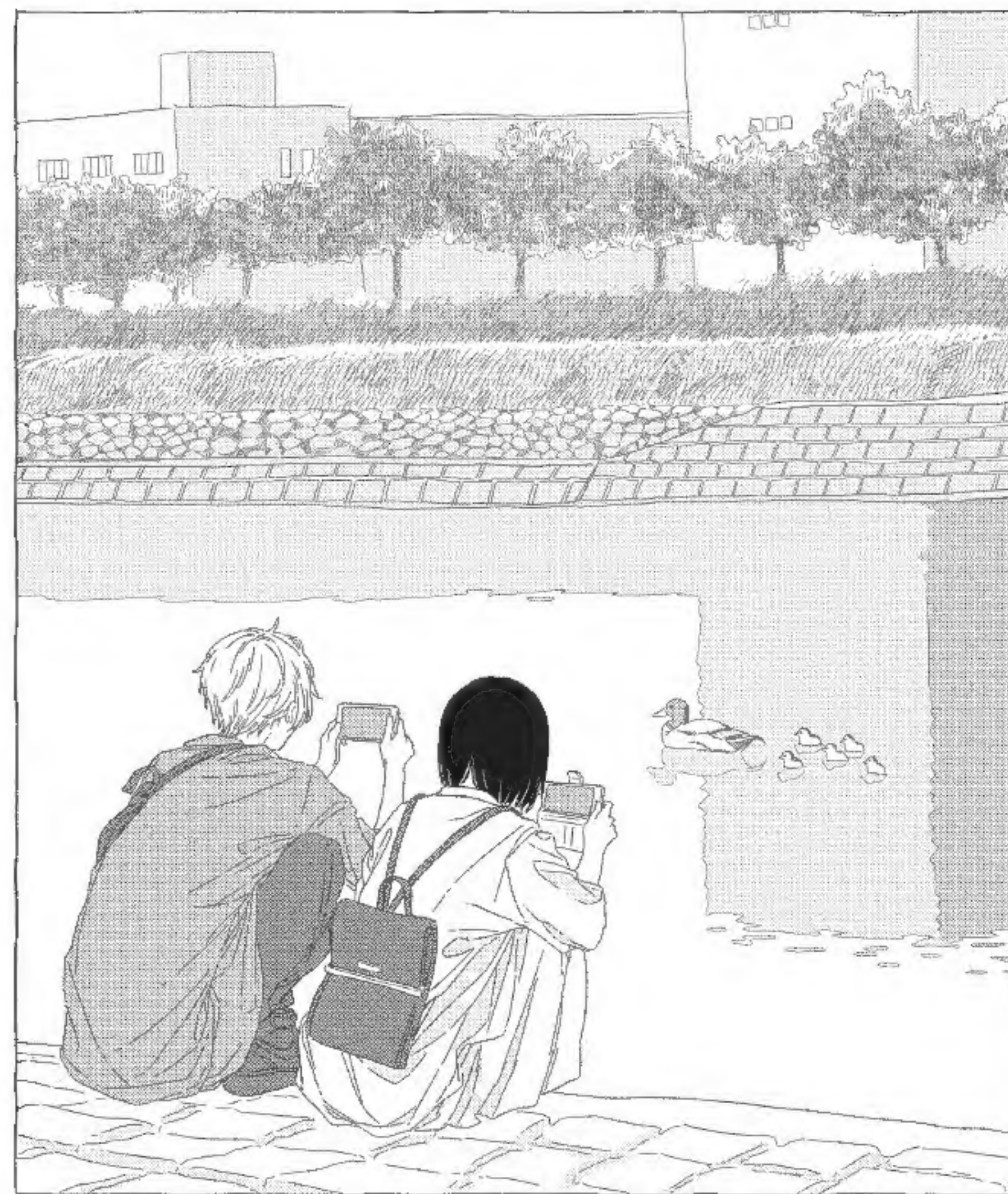
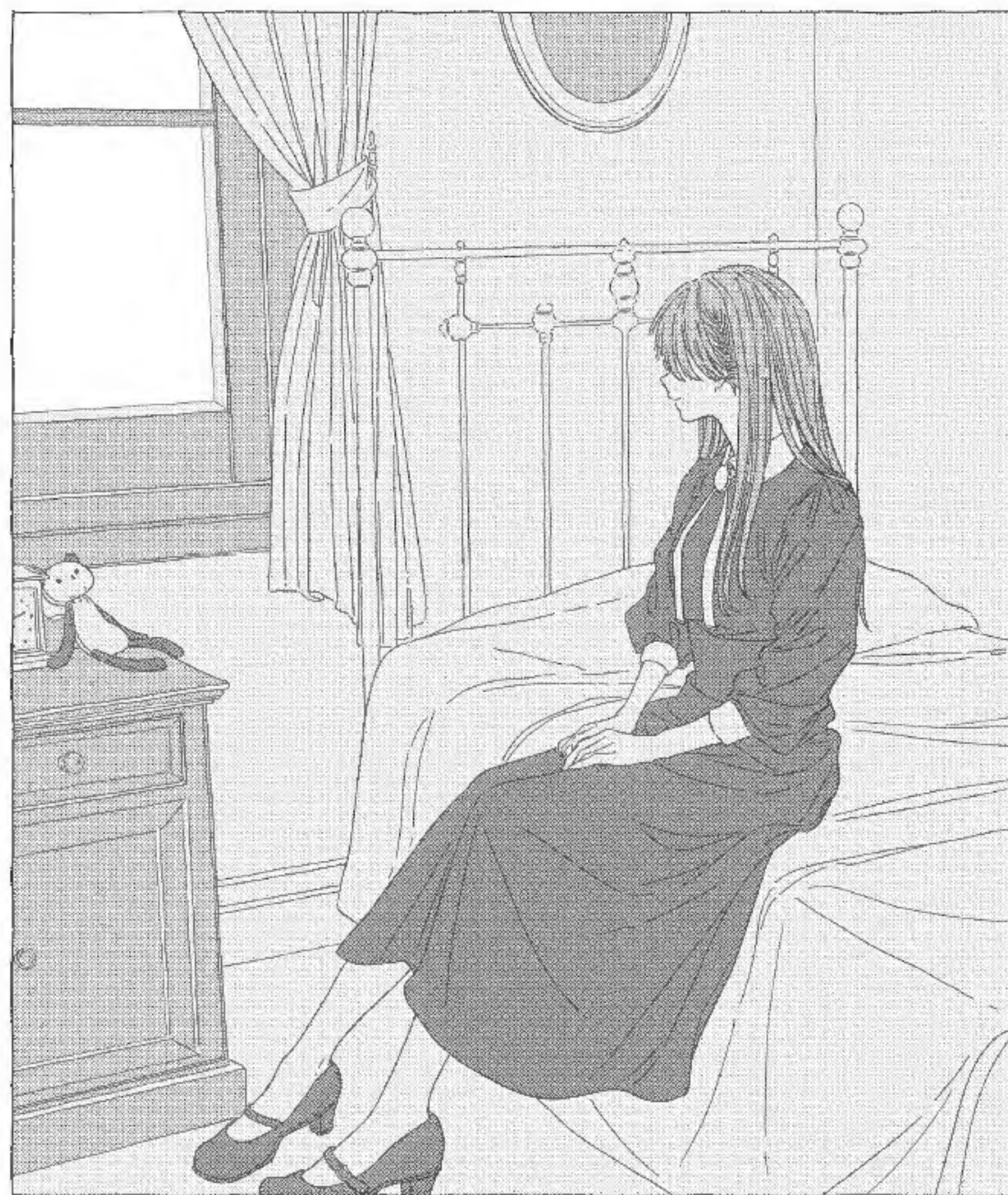
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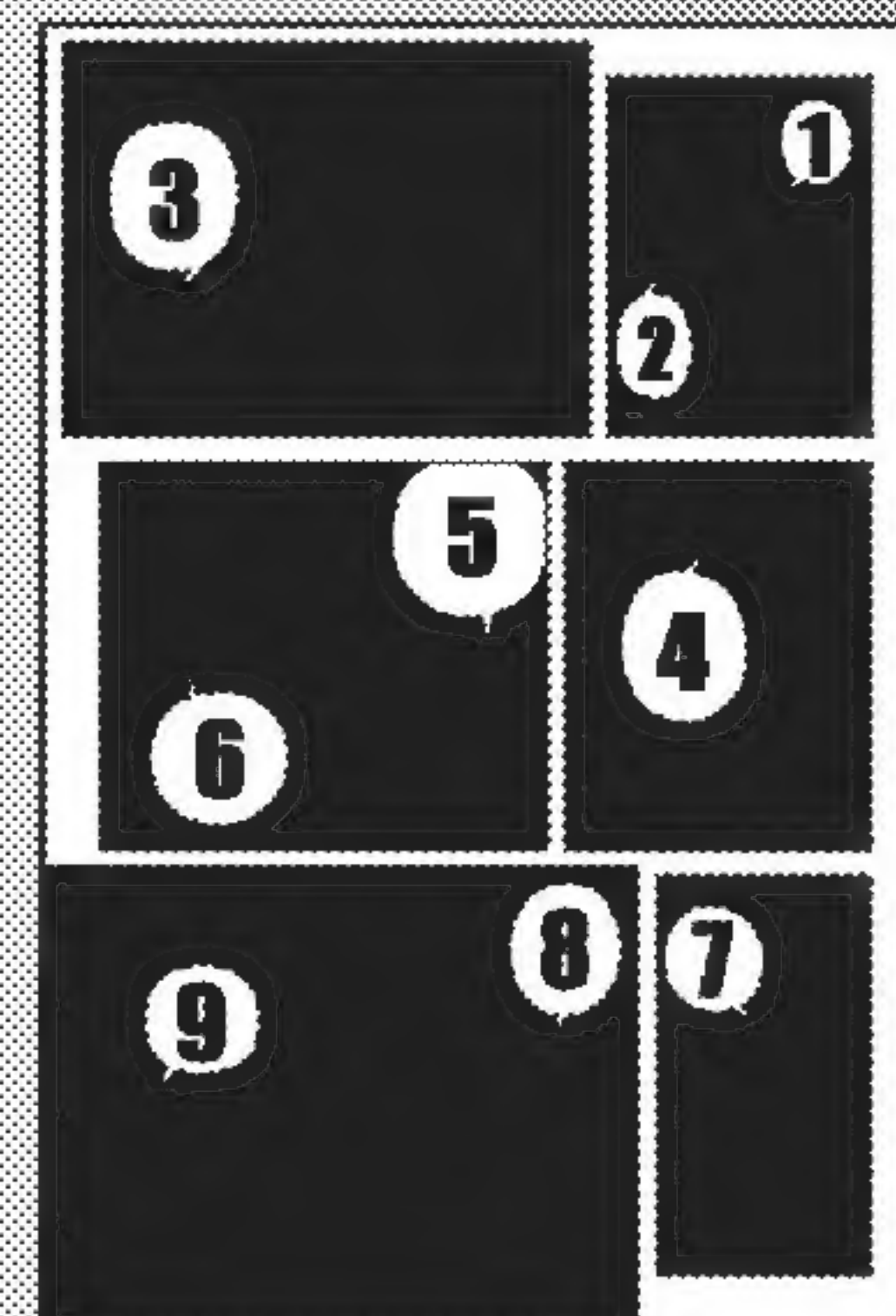
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